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1953-1954 Calendar of Special Activities

for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . . OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END, WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

This calendar is a suggested guide for the special activities of the year. Adapt it to meet the needs of your Society. Check your course each month with goal chart.

The Program and Worship Books, *A Sower Went Forth,* plus articles from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, are essential for informational, inspirational programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnnati 37, Ohio; or the Distributing Offices.

The secretary of Promotion should see that all reports are mailed quarterly: by June 1, September 1, December 1, March 1.

The treasurer should remit quarterly receipts to conference (or district) treasurer: by August 5, November 5, February 5, and May 10.

JUNE — Program—Youth and the Church

Promotion: Plan with president and Committee on Membership to enlist every church woman as a member. Present Goals and create enthusiasm for plans.

Missionary Education: Bring missionary information to monthly meeting. Study the list of approved texts and guides in the June issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Student Work: Welcome students home. Observe Methodist Student Day, second Sunday.

Youth Work: Become familiar with new materials introducing the five program areas in the MYF.

Children's Work: Cooperate in vacation church school.

Spiritual Life: Begin a study of significance and proper use of worship setting.

Literature and Publications: Order Program and Worship Books, *A Sower Went Forth;* also new *Prayer Calendar.*

Supply Work: Present askings for consideration and acceptance.

JULY — Program—Laborers for Christ

Missionary Education: Become familiar with program material. Read the approved texts and guides for 1953-1954.

Student Work: Have students participate in all programs.

Program Committee: Evaluate programs of past year. Study all new materials, programs, and textbooks. Begin plans for Woman's Society and circle programs and classes for approved studies.

AUGUST — Program—"Our Father's Temple"

Vice-President: Present news of World Federation of Methodist Women.

Treasurer: Send first quarter's receipts by August 5.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Emphasize "The Child—the World's Best Hope for Peace" (see June, 1953, THE METHODIST WOMAN).

Student Work: Send Student Information Cards to Wesley Foundation director or pastor of the campus church by August 10.

Supply Work: Ask circle members to make or bring requested articles for Home Missions institutions. A summer Christmas party is recommended with a cash offering for Supply Work for Foreign

Program Committee: Plan next quarter's programs in detail.

Officers: Fill out reports for the secretary of Promotion to mail.

DECEMBER — Program—Gracious Gifts Are Given

Missionary Education: Present the Christmas story as the motivation for our missionary effort.

Student Work: Observe Student Recognition Day.[2]

Children's Work: Assist in planning for the missionary units in January for the Sunday school and additional sessions.

Status of Women: Secure Service Activity Cards. Make a survey of all women church members.

Membership: Plan to welcome new members in January.

JANUARY — Program—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

General: Epiphany recognition service for new members.

Promotion: Focus attention on Goals and indicate progress.

Missionary Education: Begin study of *The Prophet Jeremiah.* Cooperate with pastor in church-wide study, *Heritage and Destiny.*

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Use the "Alcohol" study as practical preparation or follow-up for church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday.

Youth: Acquaint members with the plans for missionary emphasis in the church school.

Children's Work: Share in presentation of missionary units in church school during January and February.

Supply Work: Take inventory to see what has been accomplished and what has to be done to meet needs.

FEBRUARY — Program—The Outreach of The Methodist Church Among Rural Negroes

General: Elect a Committee on Nominations.

Treasurer: Send third quarter's receipts by February 5.

Spiritual Life: Urge attendance at the World Day of Prayer, March 2. Plan for a Day Apart service during Lent.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Cooperate with employed women of other denominations for noon or evening World Day of Prayer service.

Program Committee: Make detailed plans for next quarter's programs and the study, "Spanish-speaking Americans."

All Officers Except Treasurer: Fill out third quarter's reports to

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THE COVER

The cover has a meaning. Can you interpret it? Yes, membership is the theme. See Page 21.

Mr. Robert Schwing, the artist, planned a nice surprise for Mrs. William Kitney, Norwood, New York, for he used her picture as his model for the woman in the center.

ASK YOURSELF QUESTIONS

Found on page 20 under Current Events.

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks

A Letter to the President

Mount Vernon, Iowa

Dear President:

Most of the Officers' Directives in this issue are, as you will see, in the form of a calendar of activities for the various lines of work. This message to you, however, is in the form of a letter; for your work lies in so many directions that in a sense all the calendars are related to it, and no one would suffice!

If you have just come into your position, let me welcome you to all its joys and opportunities—and its consequent responsibilities. Upon you will depend in large measure the spirit with which the other officers enter upon their work. You can create a sense of fellowship in service that will lift the work of the Woman's Society to a high level—and keep it there. Your enthusiasm, your unflagging effort, your wholehearted dedication will kindle a similar response in your executive committee and in your entire membership.

A word, too, to those of you who are not "new" presidents in the sense of having just come into the position but "new" in the fact of starting a year of new opportunity in a more or less familiar place. For you, may I express the hope that the sense of newness may never wear off, in the feeling of wonder and privilege that this work brings. May it never become a routine or accustomed task, for the "concentric circles" of its outreach, indicated in our symbol, have no limits or boundaries.

The duties of the office of president are set forth in *A Guide,** on pages 7 and 8; so I shall not repeat them here. There are many other things, tangible and intangible, that you will wish to do besides those which are prescribed. The larger the Woman's Society grows, across the land, and the more detailed the plans must become to serve the larger number of women, the greater becomes the need for emphasis upon the reason for its being. The *Thirteenth Annual Report** shows where the money, which the Woman's Societies and the Wesleyan Service Guilds send in, goes. It gives a picture of the personnel and the institutions which the Woman's Societies support.

You will want to familiarize yourself with this *Report* in order to answer questions and feel at home in this "big business" which is ours. You will want to give encouragement to the financial effort of the Woman's Society in its share toward the $500,000.00 increase needed for the maintenance of the work this year.

You will want to continue to assist in the interpretation of the Quadrennial Goals which have become dear to us all in this first year of their use, and to lift high the *Chart and Compass* which are our guide. You will want to extend a warm welcome to newcomers in the community, the church, and the Woman's Society, helping make real our Widening Fellowship. Plans for a Recognition Day, preferably next January, when new members will be welcomed and the achievements of the year reviewed, will depend in large measure on you for their success.

The Methodist Church will be stressing Evangelism this year. We shall be recalling the heart-warming that our founder, John Wesley, experienced. Let us not think of this, however, as a wistful backward look, a desire to recapture something of the past, lost by the way. The kingdom of God is *within us;* the heart-warming experience is for Now and the future. It is to this experience, and the sharing of it with others, that I welcome you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks

President, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

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Vice-President

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Greetings to you, Vice-President. You are aware that your task is of a threefold nature—assisting the president in her duties; serving as chairman of the Committee on Program; interpreting the World Federation of Methodist Women to the membership. In preparation for performing these duties efficiently, you will find the following materials essential: *Handbook for the Vice-President,*[1] *A Guide,** the *Thirteenth Annual Report,** THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Take advantage of every opportunity for training.

In addition to the activities below, you should assist circle chairmen in planning the circle programs and be sure that your report is ready to mail to the district vice-president September 1, December 1, March 1, June 1.

Mrs Paul Arrington

Vice-President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Ask the secretary of Literature and Publications to order new *Program Books** and *Worship Booklets,** and study materials.

Present the June program: Youth and the Church.

Call meeting of the Committee on Program to give out materials, exchange ideas, and discuss the duties and responsibility of the committee members.

JULY

Call a meeting of the Committee on Program, inviting all circle chairmen, to plan the year book.

The July program: Laborers for Christ.

Present year book to the Executive Committee for approval.

AUGUST

Present year book to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for adoption.

The program: Our Father's Temple.

Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.

1. Evaluate the programs, 1952-53. Fill out carefully page 179 in the *Program Book* and mail to the address at bottom of the page.
2. Plan for the study: Life and Task of the Church Around the World.
3. Plan in detail the programs for this quarter from the *Program Book,* "A Sower Went Forth."
4. Plan for observing United Nations Day and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

SEPTEMBER

Present the September program.

Begin the study: Life and Task of the Church Around the World.

OCTOBER

Continue the study.

Present the program: The Rural Mission of the Church.

Observe United Nations Day (October 24).

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

NOVEMBER

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.

1. Evaluate the programs given this quarter.
2. Plan for the Bible study: Jeremiah.
3. Plan for the Thank Offering program.
4. Plan for Human Rights Day (December 10).

Present the program: Scientific Knowledge—A Stewardship.

DECEMBER

Observe Human Rights Day (December 10).

Present Thank Offering program.

Present program: Gracious Gifts Are Given.

JANUARY

Epiphany program: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Begin Bible study: Jeremiah.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

FEBRUARY

Program: The Outreach of The Methodist Church Among Rural Negroes.

Continue Bible study.

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.

1. Evaluate programs of the quarter.
2. Plan in detail for next quarter.
   a. Lent, Day Apart, and May Fellowship
   b. Mission study: Spanish-Speaking Americans
   c. Monthly programs

MARCH

Begin the mission study.

Present the monthly program: Our Spanish-Speaking Neighbors in the Southwest.

APRIL

Present the program: Who Are the Guilty?

Observe a Day Apart.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

MAY

Monthly program: Pledge Service.

Cooperate in May Fellowship Day observance.

Hold quarterly meeting of Committee on Program, to evaluate programs of the quarter; plan in detail programs for next quarter and the study.

Plan for Installation Service.

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Recording Secretary

"Hello . . . Irene? Did you get your copy of THE METHODIST WOMAN this morning? . . . Yes, mine just came, too. Did you read the recording secretary's page? . . . Why don't you come over, have a cup of tea, and we'll do that check list together. Since we both are recording secretaries, we can use the check list and the rating scale to see how well we are doing our jobs. What do you say? . . . Good. Then I shall expect you in a few minutes."

* * * * *

Irene and Mary enjoyed working with this check list and discovered, according to the rating scale, that they were "good" secretaries. If you are a recording secretary, check the list and then rate yourself. I hope that you are at the top of the scale. If not, do try to improve yourself; for the future of your Woman's Society depends, to a large extent, upon you and your records.

And this is the check list that Irene and Mary used.

Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins

Recording Secretary, Woman's Division of Christian Service

CHECK LIST FOR RECORDING SECRETARIES

Answer each question carefully with a Yes or a No answer. Count each Yes answer as one. The rating scale is at the bottom of this page.

1. Do you keep an accurate and careful record of
   a) each meeting of your Woman's Society?____
   b) each meeting of the Executive Committee?____
2. Do you include in your minutes the name and office of each person who makes a report?____
3. Do you keep these reports readily accessible for reference?____
4. Do you rewrite your minutes legibly and in good concise form immediately following each meeting?____
5. Do you read your minutes in the meeting clearly and distinctly?____
6. Do you keep the rules, the policies, and the laws of the Woman's Society available for ready reference?____
7. Do you send notices of meetings promptly or cooperate with the publicity committee to see that such notices are sent promptly?____
8. Are you punctual in answering correspondence? ____
9. Are you familiar with
   a) Parliamentary Law?____
   b) *A Guide?**____
   c) Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Society of Christian Service?____
10. Do you make yourself available and a real asset to the president and to the Woman's Society? ____
11. Are your records in good permanent form?____
12. Do your minutes contain an accurate record of all actions passed by your Woman's Society? ____
13. Do you keep a correct record of committee assignments?____
14. Do you report the recommendations of the Executive Committee accurately and in good form to the Woman's Society?____
15. Do you keep an accurate record of the names and addresses of the members and officers?____
16. Do you make the *Annual Report** available to your members shortly after the close of the Annual Meeting?____
17. Can you say without reservation:
   a) I am accurate in my work____
   b) I am always available____
   c) I am conscientious____
   d) I am cooperative____
   e) I am dependable____
   f) I have great zeal for my work____
18. Are your records, books, and other secretarial materials in such excellent condition, that if it became necessary for someone else to assume your duties, the Woman's Society could move forward smoothly and without any interruption in program?____

Rating Scale

Number of Yes Answers	*Score*
Above 20	Excellent
17—19	Good
14—16	Average
10—13	Fair
Below 10	Poor

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Treasurer

The treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local urch should be familiar with local and community needs and with the ogram of the Woman's Division for home and foreign missions. Because her position, the treasurer has an unusual opportunity to help increase e giving of the Woman's Society by holding constantly before the mem-rs their great responsibility for the support of that program.

Henrietta Gibson

Treasurer, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Henrietta Gibson

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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

Have your annual report for the year just closed ssed by the auditing committee of the church.

Set up your books for the new year.

Start your plan for the collection of the pledge yments of your members.

Plan with the treasurer of the Wesleyan Service uild as to dates when the Guild funds for the mis-onary program of the Woman's Division should transferred to your account for forwarding to the strict or conference treasurer.

Send first quarter's receipts to the district or con-rence treasurer by the date fixed by your confer-ce (probably August 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and proved by the Woman's Society of Christian Serv-.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary Promotion to be included in her quarterly report the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Second Quarter—September, October, November

Make arrangements for the presentation to the oman's Society of Christian Service of the Widen-; Fellowship Plan. This is a financial plan to help rease giving for missions, promotion of which will included in the plans of the Summer Schools of ssions and Christian Service.

Cooperate in the program of the Week of Prayer d Self-Denial, especially in the plans that relate the offering.

Send second quarter's receipts to the district or nference treasurer by the agreed date (probably vember 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and proved by the Woman's Society of Christian Serv-.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of omotion to be included in her quarterly report to district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Third Quarter—December, January, February

See that pledges are paid up-to-date.

Plan for Christmas Offering if your Society has one.

Ask for an opportunity to present special Memberships and Annuity Gifts to the members.

Plan for Lenten Offering if your Society has one.

Send third quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer (probably by February 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

Urge all members to complete pledge payments for the year.

Send fourth quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably May 10). Since this is the last report for the fiscal year, empty your treasury, insofar as possible, and send all available funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division.

Prepare your annual report to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Furnish a copy of this report to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her annual report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Call a meeting of the Committee on Finance to prepare the 1954-55 budget.

See that budget for 1954-55 is presented to, understood, and adopted by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

With the Committee on Program, plan a Pledge Service for the pledges for the new fiscal year.

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Promotion

The activities of the secretary of Promotion are easily catalogued.

First and foremost is the purpose—THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED.

Then, all communications must be brought to the Woman's Society promptly, the materials being given to those for whom they are intended.

District secretaries of Promotion should be notified immediately about changes of address of local officers.

The entire program should be emphasized, but Goal 2—Widening Fellowship—is a special responsibility of the secretary of Promotion.

Never forget that Promotion is a *means,* not an *end.* The *end* is THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED.

Dorcas Hall

Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Present quadrennial Goals from a new angle.

Plan with president and committee on Membership to enlist every church woman as a member.

Formulate plans for visitation.

Make contact with secretary of Promotion of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

July

Take "long look" at work of year ahead.

Familiarize self with promotional materials: the *Handbook for Secretaries of Promotion,*[1] *A Guide,** the *Record and Report Book, My Date Book,** THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and the leaflets: *Oh Yes You Can,** *Officers' Training Day,** *A Widening Way.**

August

Make sure that reports of all officers (except treasurer) are correctly filled out and mailed to district secretaries of lines of work, by the 31st.

September

Check advance of First Quarter on Goal Chart. Cooperate in plans for enlisting membership.

Help to secure large representation at district or subdistrict meeting.

October

Cooperate in promotion of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and of United Nations Day.

November

Make sure that reports of all officers (except treasurer) are correctly filled out and mailed to district secretaries of lines of work, by the 30th.

Begin planning for recognition of new members in connection with Epiphany, January 6.

December

Complete plans for welcome of new members at Epiphany recognition service in January.

Check advance of Second Quarter on Goal Chart

January

Cooperate in Epiphany recognition service.

With president and committee on Membership evaluate progress made toward reaching every church woman.

Study progress of visitation project, to date.

February

Make sure that reports of all officers (except treasurer) are correctly filled out and mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by the 28th.

March

Help to secure large representation at district or subdistrict meeting, including new members.

Check with secretary of Literature and Publications about ordering promotional materials for Officers' Training Day.

Check advance of Third Quarter on Goal Chart

April

Take "long look" back over year's work.

Note areas of strength and weakness in all lines of work as shown in *Record and Report Book.*

Indicate readiness to serve as resource person with this information in hand, at an executive committee meeting.

May

Make sure that reports of all officers (except treasurer) are correctly filled out and mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by the 31st.

Cooperate in all close-of-year activities.

Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion.

Help president in setting up Officers' Training Day.

Check advance of the YEAR on Goal Chart.

[1] Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for release date.

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Missionary Education and Service

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Study the *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education and ervice,*[1] the texts and guides for the approved studies, the program aterials, the "Study and Action" leaflet, and the Missionary Educa- on page in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Then meet with the Committee Program and suggest plans for the program and for study.

Elizabeth Stinson

Secretary of Missionary Education

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

June 1. Send your quarterly and annual reports your district secretary of Missionary Education.
Begin the fourth of the 1952-53 studies.
Attend your conference School of Missions.
Read THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUT- OK; bring missionary information to the meeting.
Study the June issue spread of THE METHODIST OMAN for the approved 1953-54 texts and guides.

JULY

Become familiar with the 1953-54 program booklet.
Help the Committee on Program plan programs.
Read the approved texts and guides for 1953-54.
In the Committee on Program, initiate study plans.
Present missionary news at your monthly meeting.

AUGUST

Plan to attend the District Educational Seminar.
Present to the Society the study plans for 1953-54.
Present in detail plans for the fall study, *Life and sk of the Church Around the World.*
Bring your Society up to date on missionary events.

SEPTEMBER

September 1. Mail your quarterly report today.
Attend the District Educational Seminar.
Begin the study, *Life and Task of the Church round the World.*
Plan with the Committee on Program for the Week Prayer and Self-Denial.
Bring your Society up to date on missionary events.

OCTOBER

Continue to promote the current study.
Present suggestions to the class for action follow- g study. Welcome suggestions. Decide on action.
Cooperate in the Week of Prayer programs.
Present news of the work of the Woman's Society.

NOVEMBER

With Committee on Program, plan in detail for xt quarter.
Begin plans for the study, *Jeremiah.*
Give information on the projects of the Woman's Division.

DECEMBER

December 1. Mail your quarterly report today.
Continue action begun after the study.
Continue plans for the study, *Jeremiah.*
Use your five minutes in the monthly meeting to give motivation for our missionary effort—Jesus' birth, life, death, and commission.

JANUARY

Begin the study, *Jeremiah.*
Cooperate in the church-wide study, *Heritage and Destiny.*
Share in the church school missionary studies.
Bring in news from the home and foreign fields.

FEBRUARY

Begin plans for the study, *Alcohol and Christian Responsibility* or *Spanish-Speaking Americans.*
With Committee on Program, plan for next quarter.
Bring missionary news from the home field.

MARCH

March 1. Mail your quarterly report today.
Begin the study, *Spanish-Speaking Americans* or *Alcohol and Christian Responsibility.*
Plan with others for action following study.
Bring news of Spanish-speaking Americans.

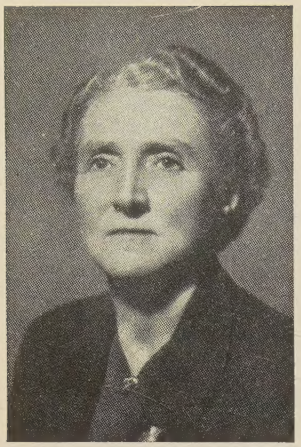
APRIL

Cooperate in plans for Officers' Training Day.
Continue to publicize and promote the study class.
Present suggestions to the class for action following study. Welcome suggestions. Decide on action.
Plan for representation at the conference school.
Bring pertinent missionary news.

MAY

Register for your conference School of Missions.
Attend Officers' Training Day.
Bring missionary news to the monthly meeting.
With Committee on Program, plan for next quarter.

[1] Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for release date.



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Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Dear Secretary:

The calendar notations are intended to help you in your general planning for the year. Each month, THE METHODIST WOMAN will carry four pages of special helps for you and your committee to study together. You may want to use the filmstrip "This Is Christian Social Relations" to interpret the job.[1] (Price, $3.00.) Remember the major over-all emphasis this quadrennium—* "The Things That Belong Unto Peace." (See leaflet, *Activities for 1953-54*) The filmstrip, "The Things That Belong Unto Peace," interprets this quadrennial emphasis.[1] (Price, $4.25.)

Get ready for the year that begins June 1, by doing three important things:

1. Order, if you do not already have a *Handbook* for this quadrennium (1952-56). (Order enough copies for your committee!) Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; price, 25 cents each. Request also copies of *Activities for 1953-54*, free for postage.*

2. Assemble and review a file of THE METHODIST WOMAN from January, 1952, through May, 1953.

3. Call your committee together. Invite your president and even your pastor to meet with you. Use THE METHODIST WOMAN for May, 1952, and for April, 1953, as guides for your committee to evaluate the year's work before you make long-range plans for the future. Use the *Handbook* and the leaflet, *Activities for 1953-54* also as the basis of your planning.

The following responsibilities on your work calendar are important to remember in the year 1953-54:[2]

Thelma Stevens

Executive Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Woman's Division of Christian Service

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE[4]

Mail your fourth quarter's report June 1.

Register for your conference School of Missions.

JULY[4]

Cooperate with pastor in planning the church-wide follow-up of the National Convocation on Evangelism.

AUGUST[4]

Emphasize "The Child—World's Best Hope for Peace." (See June, 1953, THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

SEPTEMBER[4]

Mail your *first* quarter's report September 1.

Call your committee together.

OCTOBER[4]

Relate "The Things That Belong Unto Peace" to World Communion Sunday, World Order Sunday, and United Nations Day.

NOVEMBER[4]

Emphasize responsibility for meeting world needs.

DECEMBER[4]

Mail your *second* quarter's report December 1.

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

JANUARY[4]

Use the "Alcohol" study as practical preparation or follow-up for church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday.[3]

FEBRUARY[4]

Share in observance of Race Relations Sunday and Brotherhood Week.

MARCH[4]

Mail your *third* quarter's report. Convene your committee to take stock of progress in Congress and to study recommendations from the Woman's Division in THE METHODIST WOMAN for March.

APRIL[4]

Report results of March committee meeting to Woman's Society or Guild and suggest action.

MAY[4]

Call your committee together and take stock of the year's activities and report to Woman's Society or Guild. (See April, THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Cooperate in observance of Family Life Week.

[1] Filmstrips available from Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

[2] In addition to the special items listed in the Calendar, you will want to cooperate in the observance of the *three special days* designated by United Church Women—*May Fellowship Day, World Community Day,* and *World Day of Prayer.*

[3] Use text, *Alcohol and Christian Responsibility,* and THE METHODIST WOMAN for June, 1951, and January, 1953.

[4] Watch the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

* See back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for release date.

Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear President:

You have many messages to read in THE METHODIST WOMAN this month, for each Calendar of Activities is written for officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild as well as the Woman's Society of Christian Service. If you will read all of them and refer to them frequently, you will be helped greatly in interpreting the work of the Guild to your officers and members.

Sincerely yours

Lillian A. Johnson

Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild,
Section of Education and Cultivation

Lillian A. Johnson

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Confer with the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service concerning the attendance at meetings of the executive committee, of which you and the Guild treasurer are members.

Meet with your executive committee to make plans for the year ahead.

Plan, if possible, to attend the conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

JULY

Make certain that each member of the Committee on Program has her *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet,** and that the committee plans the monthly programs for the year.

Be sure that the treasurer and the secretary of Promotion have their report books, and are clear as to directions for writing and sending reports.

AUGUST

Check with the vice-president to see that all committees have their duties clearly in mind and are ready to work.

Plan with the chairman of Missionary Education and Service for holding approved study courses.

SEPTEMBER

As a member of the district Guild committee, assist in planning for an officers' training program.

Have definite plans to contact gainfully employed women in the church and community and to invite them to the Guild.

In cooperation with the Woman's Society, plan for a joint meeting of the Society and the Guild in October.

Arrange with the chairman of the Committee on Literature to have an attractive display of the publications of the Woman's Division at the meeting.

OCTOBER

Confer with the president and vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on plans for the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Observe October as Guild month. Publicize your unit and its activities by means of the radio and newspapers, emphasizing its spiritual program and Christian service.

NOVEMBER

Plan for observance of Human Rights Day in December, giving special attention to the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division.

DECEMBER

Check with the chairman of Supply Work to make sure she understands that she should give a list of materials sent by your unit and their cash value to the secretary of Supply Work of the Woman's Society.

JANUARY

Cooperate with the chairman of the Committee on Status of Women to see that each member fills out and hands in the Service Activity Card.*

FEBRUARY

Urge attendance at World Day of Prayer observance. Cooperate with officers of other groups in plans.

MARCH

Give the chairman of the Committee on Literature a special place on the program for the promotion of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

APRIL

Hold election of officers. Plan to send a delegate to the conference School of Missions and Christian Service and the Guild Weekend.

MAY

Make certain that careful plans are made for the pledge service so that it will be meaningful.

Order *Program Books* and *Worship Booklets** for 1954-55.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Student Work

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Dear Secretary:

"Why Bother?"* is the name of the new leaflet describing the reasons why *every* local church should bother to elect a secretary of Student Work. Will you see that your Woman's Society realizes the importance of this work for the students today are leaders tomorrow?

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy A. Nyland

Secretary of Student Work,
Section of Education and Cultivation

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Observe Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). Have offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

Welcome students home.

July

Use students in summer church programs, in choir, vacation church school, teaching in church school, et cetera. Make them feel that the church needs them.

August

Fill out student introduction cards* for those entering colleges in fall. Mail directly to campus director of religious life, director of Wesley Foundations, or to the pastor of the church. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AUGUST 10. Subscribe to the Student magazine, *motive*. Order from Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Mail first quarterly report by September 1.

September

Plan recognition for students leaving for college.

If in a college town, plan to recognize college students attending your church.

Mail devotional materials to students away from home and service personnel.

October

World-Wide Communion Sunday. Opportunity to help students become world-minded.

Share with students and service personnel materials on missions. Inform them of mission projects at home and abroad.

November

Entertain students from overseas during holidays.

Mail second quarterly report to district secretary by December 1.

December

Observe Student Recognition Day. Work with pastor on this. Welcome students home with fellowship tea. During holidays entertain students from overseas.

January

Write letters to students and service personnel away from home. Send devotional booklet, *Power*. Order from 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

February

Race Relations Day. (Second Sunday) Suggest missionary materials for student libraries.

World Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer—third Sunday.

Mail third quarterly report by March 1.

March

Invite students to lead worship service and participate in Woman's Society of Christian Service, if you are a college church.

Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects and full-time missionary service. (Order *Methodist Service Projects*, Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.)

April

Cooperate with your pastor in inviting deputation teams of students to speak in your church. (That is, if there is a college nearby.)

May

Encourage high-school seniors to go to college.

Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."

Plan to send youth and students to summer camps and conferences.

Mail fourth quarterly report by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Free for postage.

Youth Work

Memo to the Secretary of Youth Work:

As an adult worker with youth, you have a great responsibility and a eat opportunity. You will carry out your responsibility within the mework of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. As a member of the uth Division Council you will help to make missions a natural part the whole youth program.

The four-year emphasis on YOUTH calls for "a commitment to help youth discover the will of God and live by it."

Helen L. Johnson

Secretary of Youth Work,
Section of Education and Cultivation

Helen L. Johnson

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Become familiar with new materials introducing e five areas in the MYF. Read: *Handbook of the YF,*[1] *Guidebook for Workers With Youth,*[1] and *uth Planbook of the MYF.*[1]

Encourage members of the MYF who have not ne so to make new MYFund pledges.

Cooperate in planning for the use of the mission- y units in the church-school lessons.

July-August

Participate in some leadership training agency ch as: School of Missions, Leadership School, boratory School, Youth Leadership Conference Workshop.

Help youth to attend summer training and enrich- nt agencies.

September

Know your job as an adult worker with youth in ristian World Outreach.

Assist the World Friendship Group of Girls in eir planning.

Cooperate with the Council of the MYF in launch- g the year's program.

October

Plan ways to help youth participate in World- ide Communion Sunday, World Order Sunday, and nited Nations Day.

Tell the Woman's Society about Christian Out- ach in the MYF.

Share resources on projects related to the Meth- ist Youth Fund within the MYF.

Encourage the MYF to participate in a special oject of youth evangelism.

November

Make it possible for the MYF to have study ma- rials on the current missionary themes.

Plan to send Christmas greetings to missionaries d nationals.

December

Work with the MYF Council in their plans for the missionary emphasis in January.

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

January

Be familiar with the missionary units in the church-school lessons.

Read resource materials in *Roundtable,*[1] *Workers With Youth,*[1] and *Our Intermediate Fellowship.*[1]

Acquaint the Woman's Society with the plans for the missionary emphasis in the church school.

Prepare for youth participation in the church school of missions.

February

Keep youth informed about matters relating to peace and world order. See *Concern*[2] and *Roundtable*[1] regularly for information.

Urge participation in the youth observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 5.

March

Check on Methodist Youth Fund giving. All pledges should be paid by early May.

April

Purchase the new mission study books and guides.

Read new missionary materials in preparation for summer conferences.

May

Assist in planning for a dedication service when new MYFund pledges will be made.

Urge members of MYF attending summer institutes, camps, and assemblies to bring back ideas for strengthening Christian World Outreach.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.
[2] 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

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Children's Work

Dear Secretary:

As secretary of Children's Work and a regular teacher of boys and girls in the church school, you are facing a new year of challenge and opportunity. You will be concerned with the total program of The Methodist Church for children, of which missionary education is an integral and vital part.

May you enter with joy upon the service to children that is before you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruby Van Hooser

Secretary of Children's Work,
Section of Education and Cultivation

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Read: Leaflet, *Secretary of Children's Work.** Free. Summer issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for June.

Cooperate in vacation church school.

Attend Officers' Training Day of the Woman's Society.

July-August

Take training in *one* of the following:

School of Missions; Leadership School; Laboratory School or Children's Workers' Conference.

September

Meet with council of children's workers to plan year's work, including missionary education.

Read: Fall issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for September. *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] September, 1953. Note section "Toward Wider Horizons."

Report to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

October

Attend seminar of Woman's Society of Christian Service for study emphases of year.

Plan with children's workers for Thanksgiving.

Attend leadership classes for children's workers in the local church, or in the district schools.

November

Plan with council of children's workers for Christmas.

Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.

December

Assist in planning for the missionary units in January for the Sunday school and additional sessions.

Read: Winter issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for December.

Participate in Christmas activities for children.

January

Be prepared to suggest helpful resources for the missionary units in the Primary and Junior Group Graded Lessons for January, if used in your church.

If the Primary and Junior Closely Graded Courses are used, note the missionary units for January and February.

Read: *Child Guidance in Christian Living;*[1] *Trails for Juniors;*[1] *Pictures and Stories;*[1] *The Christian Home.*[1]

Report to Woman's Society on activities of children in the Sunday school and additional sessions.

February

If additional sessions are being held, continue to cooperate with leaders.

March

Read: Spring issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for March.

Attend vacation church-school institutes.

April

Share in plans for vacation church school.

Participate in the planning of Christian Family Week.

Report on Children's Work to Woman's Society.

May

If juniors in your church meet in additional sessions each week, suggest helpful resources for the missionary unit in "Plans for Additional Sessions."

See *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] May 1953.

Attend annual meeting of district Woman's Society.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Spiritual Life

My greetings to the secretary of Spiritual Life in each Woman's Society Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. There is no time limit Spiritual Life cultivation. This is a year-round responsibility. Planning a meaningful worship period at each meeting of the Woman's Society d Guild is most important. Special days on our church calendar bring ariety of emphases. Month by month there are opportunities for Spirit- Life Cultivation.

May your year be happy and fruitful as you serve in His name.

Mrs. J. W. Bunch

Chairman, Standing Committee on Spiritual Life

Mrs. J. W. Bunch
1804 Birch Street
Forest Grove, Oregon

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Talk with your pastor concerning your member- p on the Commission on Membership and Evan- ism, and the part women of the church can play the evangelistic program of your local church. Check to see that your Spiritual Life bookshelf ntains books on evangelism and that they are ng circulated among the women.

Begin a study of significance and proper use of rship setting.

July

Plan to attend conference School of Missions and ristian Service.

August

Reports are due.

Committee on Spiritual Life meets and makes ns for the months ahead.

Secretary of Spiritual Life meets with the Com- ttee on Program.

September

Form prayer groups and make plans for retreats times apart.

Begin preparation for the Week of Prayer and lf-Denial.

Watch for Stewardship Coaching Conference dates.

October

Plan for continued daily use of the *Prayer Calen- r** by the women of your church.

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

November

Reports are due.

Assist in planning for an observance of World ace Sunday, November 8.

Stress Fellowship of Intercession.

Plan a year-round program of visitation and liter- ure distribution for shut-ins.

December

Suggest ways to make Christmas more Christian.

Prepare for the time of Epiphany and the Lenten Season.

Order Stewardship cards from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Cooperate in observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 13.

See that textbook and other materials for study of *The Prophet Jeremiah* are ordered.

January

Stress forming the habit of a daily quiet time of prayer, Bible reading, and meditation.

Epiphany—a time of personal reconsecration.

Present Stewardship cards to the women of the church.

Begin study of *The Prophet Jeremiah.*

February

Reports are due.

Cooperate in interdenominational observance of World Day of Prayer.

Plan for prayer groups and a quiet time during the Lenten period.

Use service for a Day Apart in The Methodist Woman.

March

Observe a time apart during Lent.

Cooperate with your pastor in the evangelistic emphasis leading up to Easter.

April

Easter.

Follow the Easter season with a stewardship emphasis.

May

Reports are due.

Stress family worship as a part of observance of National Family Week beginning May 3.

Participate in an Officers' Training Day.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Mrs. C. C. Long
7820 Reading Road
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Literature and Publications

Memo to the Secretary:

If you are a new secretary, secure your *Subscription Record Book* from the former secretary. Send notice of change of secretary from this book to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Fill in blank correctly and completely. Be sure to send your account number, which appears on the first page of the *Subscription Record Book*. Read instructions carefully. Familiarize yourself thoroughly with the "General Instructions and Suggestions" for secretary of Literature in the local church, as well as directions for ordering literature. All this appears in the *Subscription Record Book*. Send your correct name and address and the name of your church to your district secretary of Literature and Publications.

Ruth A. Long

Circulation Manager,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Secure combination subscriptions for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK from all officers who are not subscribers. Write for new *Catalogue* to Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

JULY

Take training in School of Missions. Assist if requested in the literature display rooms.

Order the *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet;** also, *My Date Book.** Study and advocate use of new *Prayer Calendar.** Equip yourself for efficient service as a member of the Committee on Program.

AUGUST

Advise other secretaries of lines of work of material available in their fields.

Send a quarterly report to your *district secretary of Literature and Publications* by September 1.

SEPTEMBER

Attend Officers' Training Day.

After receiving sample packet of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial material from your district officer, give immediately to the secretary of Spiritual Life.

Order the Week of Prayer material from Literature Headquarters.

Arrange for time on program to present the magazines and secure subscriptions for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK from every member.

OCTOBER

Tags for every subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK to wear at the meeting.

NOVEMBER

Ask for time on program to present enthusiastically new literature (see back cover page of THE METHODIST WOMAN).

Secure Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Send quarterly report to district secretary of Literature and Publications by December 1.

DECEMBER

With the Committee on Program, plan a welcome for new members in January, especially pointing up the necessity of arousing interest in the scope of the work through subscriptions to and use of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. A skit to this end would be effective.

JANUARY

Order *Fourteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.*

Present skit for securing subscriptions.

Restudy literature *Catalogue.*

FEBRUARY

Report enthusiastically any new publications from back page of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Fill out correctly third quarter report and mail to district secretary of Literature and Publications by March 1.

MARCH

As in every other month, receive renewals, list names in THE METHODIST WOMAN *Subscription Record Book.* Keep book neatly for future information of your Society.

Order promotional materials to be used on Officers' Training Day

APRIL

Plan a shower of subscriptions for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

MAY

Order new *Program Books and Worship Booklets*

Secure subscriptions—new and renewals.

Send fourth quarterly report by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Supply Work

Greetings to all secretaries of Supply Work—you, and you, and you ho will be on our team in 1953-54. Each of you will be "laying track" or the train of Supply Work—serving institutions in the home and forgn fields—giving thousands a lift along the route with "second-mile" fts. May you enjoy this great adventure, and I hope the Calendar Activities will help you in the discharge of your duties.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. C. A. Barr

Chairman, Committee on Supply Work,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

Mrs. C. A. Barr
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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

Study the *Handbook on Supply Work** and other material listed under "Supply Work Bookshelf," page 23 of *Handbook*.

Attend Officers' Training Day of the Woman's Society.

Give serious thought to the list of ASKINGS sent to you by the district (or conference) secretary of Supply Work. Present askings to the Society for consideration and acceptance.

Meet with secretaries of Youth Work, Children's Work, the chairman of Supply Work for the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the treasurer, and discuss Supply Work and make plans for its promotion.

Make or collect articles needed by the institutions in the home field assigned to your Society. (Summer Christmas parties or "Supply Showers" are effective means of raising Cash for Supply Work.)

Send quarterly report (including the Guild, Youth, and Children) to district secretary of Supply Work on or before September 1.

Second Quarter—September, October, November

Present the needs of home missions institutions to the Society in an interesting, challenging way. (See page 42, THE METHODIST WOMAN, January, 1953, for Index of Illustrations and Pictures.

Pack and send a Christmas box or cash to provide what has been asked for by home missions institutions on your list. If boxes are to be sent overseas, mail them in September, so they will arrive in time for Christmas.

3. Share with the Society any letters you have received from institutions to which you have sent boxes or cash.
4. Send quarterly report to district secretary on or before December 1.

Third Quarter—December, January, February

1. Half of the year has passed. Take inventory and see what has been accomplished in Supply Work, and what must now be done to meet the needs.
2. Present Supply Work to the Society, emphasizing needs in institutions in foreign fields and plan to meet them.
3. Send quarterly report to district secretary on or before March 1.

Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

1. Make known any items on the ASKINGS list that have not been met, or perhaps an SOS sent by the district or conference secretary of Supply Work. Plan to direct an "over and above" gift to the institution in need.
2. Attend annual meeting of district Woman's Society of Christian Service.
3. Send quarterly and annual report to district secretary on or before June 1.

*Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Price, 15 cents.

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Sherard, Mississippi

Status of Women

Greetings to the secretaries of Status of Women. This year our program directives are in the form of a quarterly calendar. In this way, we can concentrate on getting materials to you for each quarter's needs. Our success is measured by the more abundant living and serving the women experience.

Sincerely yours,

Cora R. Ratliff

Chairman, Status of Women,
Woman's Division of Christian Service

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter

Subscribe to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Secure and study the new *Handbook on the Status of Women.*[1]

Collect a "Reading and Reference Shelf" for your personal enrichment and group guidance. (See list in *Handbook.*)

As a member of the Committee on Program of the Woman's Society, keep three objectives in mind:

1. Personal development of women through study courses and guided reading.
2. Effective service of women through every available opportunity in the church and community.
3. Present some phase of Status of Women work at each monthly program—materials to come from your clipping file, books, and pamphlets.

Stimulate attendance at conference and district Schools of Missions.

Report to your district secretary on September 1.

Second Quarter

Participate in the observance of United Nations Day in October by bringing:

1. Interesting information about women delegates at the U.N.
2. Reporting on the Status of Women Commission in the U.N.
3. Listing achievements of the Status of Women Commission. (Through the instrumentality of the United Nations, political rights were granted to women in December, 1952.)

Continue to cooperate with Christian Social Relations in the National Citizens' Roll Call. The goal —every woman registered and voting. Use pamphlets, "Political Education of Women," from United Nations; "Politics Is What You Make It," a Public Affairs Pamphlet.

Report to district secretary December 1.

Third Quarter

Secure new Service Activity Cards.*

Make a survey of all women church members. You will need two sets of these cards; one for the church office, one for your own file.

Secure a 1952 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and follow directives in the new *Handbook on the Status of Women* in correlating the findings of the survey with possible places of service listed in the *Discipline* and on the chart of the *Legal Status of Women in The Methodist Church.*[1]

Cooperate with Christian Social Relations in observing Human Rights Day.

Secure from the Department of Labor in Washington the report, "Status of Women in the United States, 1952." Bring a report from this to the Society.

Report to the district secretary March 1.

Fourth Quarter

Watch the last page of THE METHODIST WOMAN for new publications from the Life and Work of Women in the Church of the World Council of Churches. Secure this material and present to the women.

Begin building your own reserve of trained leaders—

1. Cultivate the busy young mothers.
2. Cooperate with the Wesleyan Service Guild in leadership training.
3. Provide special interests and reading for mothers beginning to have some free time.
4. Find places of service for these women who have training, when they have almost full time for church and community.

Report to your district secretary June 1.

[1] Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for release date.

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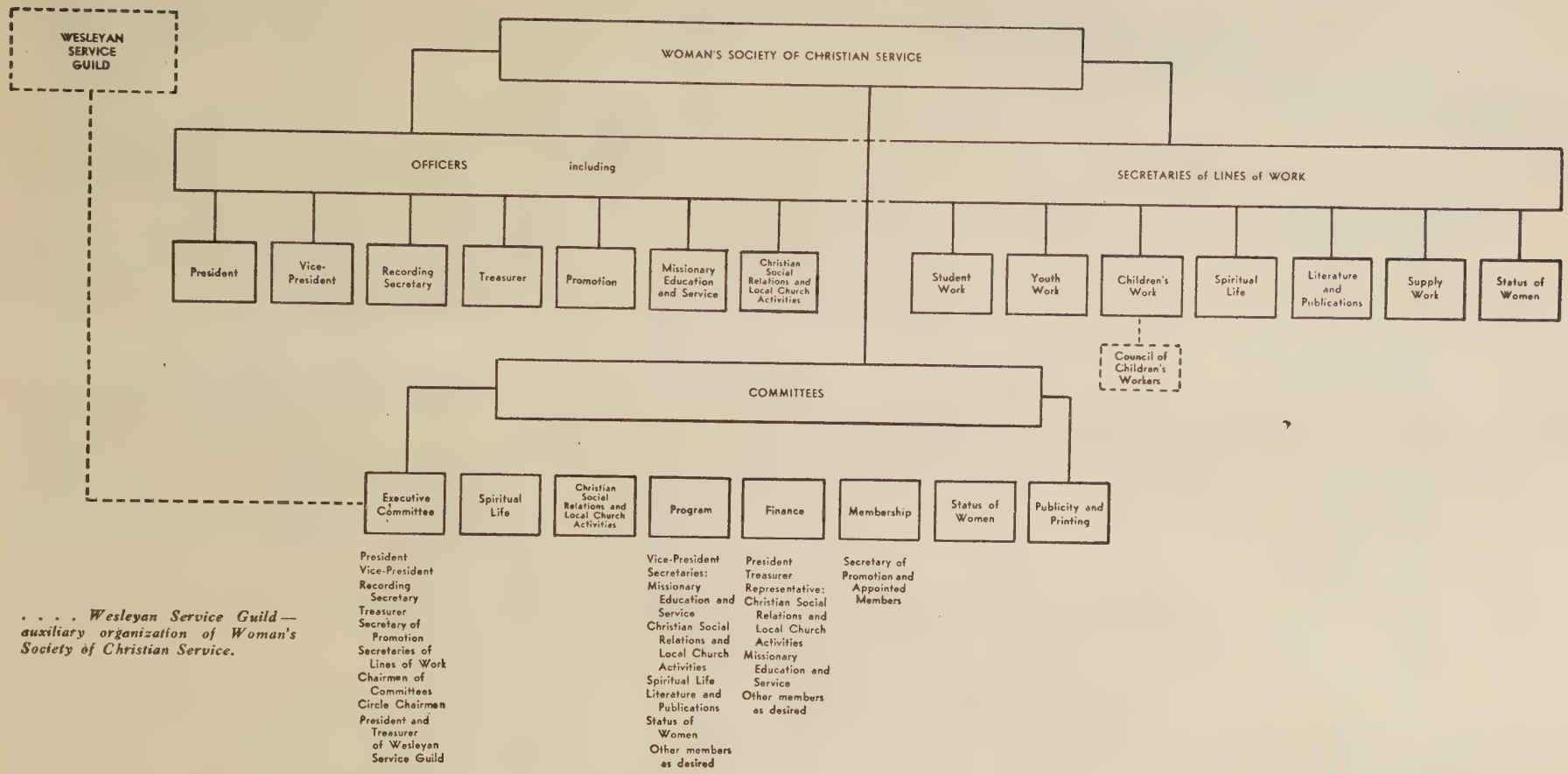


. . . . *Wesleyan Service Guild — auxiliary organization of Woman's Society of Christian Service.*

Circles WORSHIP AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Ambassadors for Christ

By MRS. A. E. FUSTER

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

HYMN: "Blest Are the Pure in Heart" (*The Methodist Hymnal*, No. 369).

MEDITATION: When the writer in the Old Testament said: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me," he expressed a profound need of humankind.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" is the most comprehensive of all the beatitudes, because in it are fully described holiness of character and happiness of life. And to understand it, we must remember that a principal part of the teachings of the Pharisees consisted in outward washing and cleansings, that on this ground they expected to see God. (Mark 7:1-23.)

But Christ says here that the condition is the purity of heart, a heart clean of all vile affections and desires. If a man, therefore, wants to see God, to feel His Divine Presence and Guidance, his heart must be pure and clean.

The fact is that, without a pure heart, a man cannot see aright his fellow man. The story is told of a woman who always complained about the dirty clothes of her neighbor. But one day she discovered that it was the glass of her own window through which she looked that was extremely dirty, rather than the clothes hanging on the line in her neighbor's yard.

God has given us help to attain purity of heart—the Holy Spirit. He will help us to purify our hearts, and with His help, the happiness of seeing God will be ours.

As ambassadors for Christ, we must have a passion for purity in heart; we must say with the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Then we shall see God, then we shall help others also to see God.

PRAYER

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Adapt this program to your situation and available time. Create a schoolroom atmosphere with maps, copies of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, *Handbooks*, and posters. The best results will be achieved through well-planned preparation on the part of the appointed *teacher* and a few bright *scholars*. All the members and visitors should participate in spontaneous recitations.

Suggested classes:

GOVERNMENT OR CIVICS (*organization*)

TEACHER holds up chart, page 19, and mentions the number of officers and committees in a fully organized Woman's Society. Calls for a comparative check of local group.

SCHOLAR reports on number of officers and committees in their own Woman's Society. If all the offices are not filled, excuses and reasons should be discussed briefly with everyone reciting who has an opinion.

TEACHER explains the connectional system and volunteer leadership and announces, if possible, plans for Officers' Training Day.

GEOGRAPHY

If possible have a large map or globe for location of projects. Slips are distributed giving the name of a project, its location, and an interesting sentence or two concerning it, gleaned from pages 31, 33-37, 39 of this issue, plus items from WORLD OUTLOOK on "Kabyle Methodists," "New Women of East Asia," "What the Students of India Are Thinking."

TEACHER calls for assignments in any order she desires. Geography lesson closes with a brief review of the "Defense Worker Reports," page 38.

HISTORY REVIEW

Twenty questions are listed on page 22 under the caption, "What Do You Know?" Choose sides and use these questions as the basis of an old-fashioned "spell-down." Sentences indicating some knowledge should satisfy the teacher.

CURRENT EVENTS QUIZ

1. Name the speakers who participated in a panel discussion on the U.N.
2. Explain the threefold duty of the vice-president.
3. Widening Fellowship. Whose responsibility?
4. Identify *Heritage and Destiny; A Sower Went Forth.*
5. List the special observances which occur in May, June, October, and December.
6. Locate a dormitory built with Week of Prayer funds.
7. Explain duties of Florence Smith.
8. An interracial staff. Where?
9. Who designed the Alaskan flag?
10. Who received the highest decoration of the Brazilian government? Explain. (Read story in March issue of WORLD OUTLOOK.)

ENGLISH

Teacher calls for a review of article, "Write It Right," page 40. After it is given, she assigns homework. Each one is to write a report of the day's meeting and gives it to a nonmember of the Woman's Society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Urge attendance at whatever observance is planned in your community for May Fellowship Day which falls on Friday, May 1. The theme is Citizenship—Our Christian Concern. By active participation in these interdenominational meetings, we help to achieve the third objective of the quadrennial emphases.

Call attention to National Family Week, May 3-10. (See page 42.)

BENEDICTION

Officers of South Central Jurisdiction

Left to right: **Mrs. Wayne Harrington, York, Nebraska, treasurer; Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., Houston, Texas, president; Mrs. Harold Soulen, Hutchinson, Kansas, re-elected vice-president; Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, Louisiana, recording secretary.**

(Credit: Methodist Information, Callahan)

Cut Along Line

hy not?

TAKE YOUR PLACE—
JOIN THE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
or
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Organization for the women of The Methodist Church according to the *Discipline: There shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every local church.*

Did you notice the very attractive cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN this month? Don't you think that it would make an excellent membership poster? We do, so now we present it to you for use in following up the poster which you have been using this past year. It will be sent out with the new *Record and Report Books* for each society during the summer.

Perhaps some of you are wondering how you can use another poster! Put it in the most conspicuous place around the church—the bulletin board out front, perhaps, so that people passing by will know what you are doing to interest women in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Make sure that women especially will see it. Tell about it in the church bulletin. Have a paragraph about it in the local paper. In fact, give it all the publicity possible.

This is a Membership Poster, remember? So be sure that it is called to the attention of the women of the church who are not members of the Woman's Society. Ask them to join. Point out to them the things they can do and how much you need and want them. Explain about your interesting meetings and the many kinds of activities in which a woman can do an outstanding service.

Working that the Kingdom of God may be realized, certainly every woman should find her place with the women of Methodism in the

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

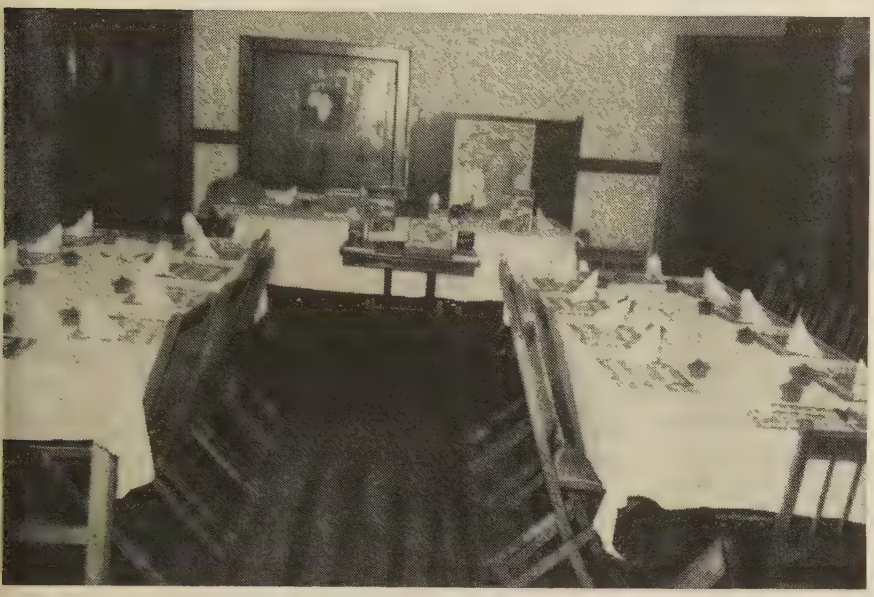
MEASURE THE EXTENT OF YOUR INFORMATION

on some questions of major importance concerning the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. All references are to THE METHODIST WOMAN, issues of 1952, except where otherwise noted.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW—

1. About our heritage as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service? (January, pages 4,5,36.)
2. About the Woman's Society's relationship to the moving populations in the United States today? (February, page 3. March, page 25. June, page 11. October, pages 12, 16.)
3. About cooperation in home fields, between the Woman's Division and the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions? (February, page 18.)
4. About cooperation in foreign fields, between the Woman's Division and the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions? (April, page 37.)
5. About Crusade Scholars—who they are, what they do, and where the fund comes from? (March, pages 10, 11, 35. February, 1953, pages 3, 8-10, 15.)
6. About increasing and improving publicity for the local society? (February, page 42. April, pages 19, 20. September, page 25.)
7. About the Charter of Racial Policies? (April, pages 22, 23.)
8. About workers for full-time Christian service, and the work needing to be done? (May, pages 3 and 11. September, pages 16, 17.)
9. About the quadrennial symbol, theme, and emphases? (May, pages 21, 22, 23 and 29.)
10. About the unique qualities of the Wesleyan Service Guild, and its organizational setup? (October, page 3. November, pages 34, 35, 36 and 37.)
11. About discovering local resources of personality, through the use of the Service Activity card? (May, page 41.)
12. About ways in which the General Conference actions affected the Woman's Society of Christian Service? (July-August, pages 3, 4.)
13. About a World Fellowship of Methodist Women? (July-August, pages 5 and 18.)
14. About one of the present-day approaches to the situation in Africa? (September, page 18.)
15. About cooperating with the MYF in your own church? (September, pages 33, 34.)
16. About planning for children in your local church? (September, page 37.)
17. About helping older people to participate in sharing Christian fellowship? (July-August, page 12, pictures. October, page 29.)
18. About the J.C.M.E.: its past, its present, and our relationship to it? (November, pages 7, 8.)
19. About the importance and the possibilities of District Members? (December, page 27.)
20. About the help the Campus Secretary of Student Work may give to your college sons and daughters? (December, page 33.)

SAUGERTIES, NEW YORK, SHARES ITS AFRICA PROJECT



After the course on Africa taught by Mrs. Florence Reeves in the Woman's Society of Christian Service summer institute at Carmel, New York, the Woman's Society of the Methodist church at Saugerties, New York, used its first fall meeting in the interests of promotion, for the study of Africa. An African supper was served, with African place-mats and napkins; nut cups were made from brown crepe paper to represent African huts, while large huts, elephants, and dolls formed the center pieces on some tables, and African violets on others. The menu was typed in the Swahili African language, with the English translation.

Maps and posters decorated the walls, and a display table held pamphlets on the subject of Africa and the textbooks recommended for the course. After supper a filmstrip, "Africa Is Waiting," was shown.

We are indebted, for the accompanying pictures and this information, to the secretary of Promotion for the Kingston District of New York Conference, Mrs. Robert Thompson. Mrs. Thompson is also secretary of Promotion in the Woman's Society at Saugerties.

PLEDGE SERVICE

(Arranged by Mrs. J. W. Hopkinson, vice-president, Chicago-Western District, Rock River Conference)

Setting: **A globe; one very tall white candle and three smaller white candles. The Reader and the one who lights the candles should be in choir robes.**

READER: In our Woman's Society of Christian Service, we pledge anew our prayers, our service and our gifts. This pledge must be made in the name of Him who said: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Light has always been a symbol of Christ. Only as His light shines in the hearts of individual members can the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service advance. (*Lights tall white candle.*) As we light this candle symbolizing Christ, may we pray that our light will so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

READER (*lights first of small candles*): With this candle may we pledge our prayers to the advancement of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. If we are to follow Christ, we must sit at his feet as did Mary of Bethany. We must spend time in his presence. God has entrusted us with a power by which we can bring strength and guidance to our own lives and the lives of others. We can aid in the work of our representatives at home and in the foreign field by spending time in prayer for them.

"Away in distant lands they wondered how
Their simple word had power.
At home the Christians, two or three,
Had met to pray an hour."

READER (*lights second candle*): As we light the candle symbolizing service, let us pledge

"To interpret the Christian life in terms of service:
To build within the community the spirit of good will,
And within the world the foundations of peace;
To cooperate with all men and women in brotherliness.
To work, play, love and worship in the spirit of Christ."

READER (*lights third candle*): With this candle may we dedicate our substance to Jesus Christ. Money is not mere paper or metal; money is health, money is opportunity, money is salvation. Because the world has never been in more desperate need of the things money can furnish, the flame of this candle must grow brighter each year; our gifts are the tangible expression of our love for Jesus Christ. By increasing our gifts we increase the power of this great organization of women.

READER: As you make your pledge you have the assurance that it is *your* prayers, *your* service, and *your* gifts that make the work of our local Society possible. Our Society helps to carry on the work of _____ district which is one of the _____ districts in _____ Conference. _____ Conference is one of the _____ Conferences in the _____ Jurisdiction which, with five other jurisdictions, make up our Woman's Division of Christian Service. Our Woman's Division is a unit of the World Federation of Methodist Women which binds all Methodist women of the world into one great body of Christian women.

You are an important link in this chain which literally reaches around the world to carry the salvation of Jesus Christ to all women and children.

CLOSING PRAYER for the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

100 PERCENTERS

The following Woman's Societies of Christian Service report every woman member of the church a member of the Society. Listing is by conferences.

MAINE: *Augusta District*—2; *Bangor District*—3; *Portland District*—5 (no names given)

NEW ENGLAND: *Worcester District*—Barre, Graniteville, Upton, Worcester (Epworth), Worcester (Park Avenue)

SOUTH CAROLINA (SE): *Greenville District*—Owings, McBee

VIRGINIA: *Eastern Shore District*—Cheriton, Woodbury; *Lynchburg District*—Epworth, Thaxton; *Norfolk District*—Community Methodist, Princess Anne County

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA: *Asheville District*—Bell, Francis Asbury; *Charlotte District*—1 (no name given); *Winston-Salem District*—1 (no name given)

DELAWARE: *Eastern District*—Waters Church, Airey's Charge

DETROIT: *Saginaw Bay District*—Robinson

ILLINOIS: *Bloomington District*—McDowell, Onarga; *Galesburg District*—Oquawka

INDIANA: *Columbus District*—2 (no names given)

IOWA-DES MOINES: *Burlington District*—Center Chapel; *Council Bluffs District*—Lewis, Mt. Hope, East Liberty; *Creston District*—Lacelle, Kellerton, Fairview; *Des Moines District*—Carlisle, Jordan, Harvey

NORTH-EAST OHIO: *Cambridge District*—Bracken, on Lewisville Charge

CENTRAL KANSAS: *Colby District*—Banner; *Dodge City District*—Sitka; *Salina District*—Antelope

MISSOURI: *Maryville District*—Cosby

TEXAS (SC): *Huntsville District*—Onalaska

The following districts are reported as 100 per cent organized. This means there is a Woman's Society of Christian Service, or a member or members, or a Wesleyan Service Guild, in every church of the district.

WYOMING: *Wilkesbarre District*
FLORIDA (SE): *Lakeland District*
MEMPHIS: *Memphis District*
NORTH MISSISSIPPI: *Greenville District*
SOUTH CAROLINA (SE): *Columbia District*
SOUTH CAROLINA (C): *Orangeburg District*
INDIANA: *Indianapolis, Rushville, Vincennes Districts*
MINNESOTA: *St. Paul District*
NORTH-EAST OHIO: *Cleveland District*
NORTH INDIANA: *Richmond District*
ROCK RIVER: *Northern District*
NEBRASKA: *Northeast District*
RIO GRANDE: *Southern, Western Districts*
SOUTHWEST TEXAS: *McAllen District*
PACIFIC NORTHWEST: *Seattle, Tacoma Districts*
ALASKA: *Juneau District*

Information and Action

Dear Friends:

As THIS letter is being written the stir and pageantry of Inauguration Day for he thirty-fourth President of the nited States of America have rown dim. The Congress, the abinet, and the President have ken their places of leadership—or better or for worse." The eyes nd ears of the world are on this ation with new hopes and new ears!

Someone has said that when the istory of this century is written, he revolution for human freedom ay well outweigh all other hu-an factors. This cry for freedom acing us now in glaring world eadlines calls this nation with *all* s citizens to a new recognition nd acceptance of responsibility for rengthening our democracy both national practice and in world elations.

As organized Christian women, e have unlimited opportunities to nare in meeting this challenge. In rms of practical ways, the fol-wing suggestions may be helpful:

1. As the end of the fiscal year pproaches and plans for the year 953-54 are under way, it may help you take stock of your program the area of Christian Social Re-tions and Local Church Activities nd use the results as a basis for our continuing program. The sug-estions on page 28, "Taking Stock 1953," will be helpful at this oint. You may also wish to re-r to a similar page in the May, 952, issue of THE METHODIST OMAN. (*Keeping a file of* THE ETHODIST WOMAN *is a must for cretaries!*)

2. THE METHODIST WOMAN for arch, 1953 (pages 22-24), brings you some of the major emphases r 1953-54—United Nations, Education, Alcohol, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Family Life.

The new leaflet *Activities for 1953-54*,[1] gives guidance that may be of help as local groups work on these crucial issues. You will want to secure copies of this leaflet from Literature Headquarters. (Free for postage.)

3. May is the month when *Family Life Week* is observed. You will want to work with your pastor in planning for this observance. Helpful materials are available through the Board of Education of The Methodist Church and The National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue., New York, N. Y. Use also the companion leaflets *Making the World Church a Part of Family Life** (price, 5 cents, 25 for $1.00) and *Making the United Nations a Part of Family Life** (free for postage).

4. *"You Aren't Alone When You Work to Support U.N.!"* This caption for the following pages calls your attention to one of our gravest and most urgent needs. Why not make use of some of these suggestions, giving special attention to the resource materials listed in the box?

5. You and your committee, as well as other concerned individuals, may want to secure copies of the following materials:

a) *The Churches and Segregation*, Price 10 cents, National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

b) *Together We Are Strong*, Price 20 cents, (The story of the interdependence of our world.) Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

c) *No Work Today*—The Plight of America's Migrants, by Varden Fuller, price 25 cents, Public Affairs Committee, 22 E. 38th St., New York, N. Y.

d) *Education of Migrant Children*, Federal Security Agency, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

e) *Freedom Pamphlets*, 25 cents each, from Anti-Defamation League, 212 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

***Shall Children, Too, Be Free?* by Howard A. Lane.**

***How Do You Talk About People?* by Irving J. Lee.**

6. Finally, this is the year of special emphasis on *World-Wide Evangelism.* Women have a special responsibility to share in the church-wide emphasis as well as to use all channels of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in giving practical help in this phase of the program. Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities are urged to work with the secretary of Spiritual Life in initiating "Prayer-Discussion-Action" groups in neighborhoods during April, May and June, using the Social Creed of The Methodist Church (see pages 51-53 of the *Handbook**) and relating it to social conditions in the local community. You may also wish to use special leaflets (such as *Not My Child*,* *Making the United Nations a Part of Family Life*,* *Making the World Church a Part of Family Life**) as *conversation pieces* in your visitation program. These specific activities serve to point up with new urgency the need for the "acceptance and sharing of those spiritual resources that motivate men to work for the good life for all the peoples of the world."

Sincerely yours,

THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER

[1] Watch back page of THE METHODIST WOMAN for release date.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

YOU AREN'T ALONE WHEN YOU WORK TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS

United Nations Observers From Four National Organizations Look at How We Best Assume Our Responsibility for the United Nations

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities presented a panel that brought both knowledge of the U.N. and experience about how local groups have been able to secure understanding of the U.N. in their communities. The participants were Miss Margaret Forsyth of the YWCA, Mrs. Eunice Hunton Carter of the National Council of Negro Women, Dr. Janet Robb, American Association of University Women, and Margaret Bender, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Dilemma Which Provided the Reason for the Panel

In many communities it hasn't been easy to support the U.N. these last few months. Anti-U.N. propaganda has flowed in more expensive and extensive floods across the country than most of us realize. For example, it is estimated that over half a million copies of a reprint from the *Congressional Record* of an attack on UNESCO by Congressman Wood, have been circulated. The results of this one piece of material alone have been great in terms of creating anti-U.N. sentiment and confusion. The United States seal, which quite naturally appeared on this reprint, gave false authenticity to the charges made. Most of those who received it could not know that a reply by Congressman A. J. S. Carnahan, pointing out the distortions and misrepresentations in the Wood attack, was printed in the *Congressional Record* a few days later under the same seal. Today an immunity to the prevalent virus of suspicion of the U.N. is enjoyed only by the exceptional community that has done a good job of studying and understanding the U.N.

Consequently, many a Methodist woman has turned in profound bewilderment from the columns of her daily paper and the anti-U.N. propaganda in her mail. She has reminded herself that the General Conference of her church said last May that "our best political hope of peace lies in the United Nations." She has remembered also that it said, "One of the significant factors of the decade has been the demand in many parts of the world for recognition and protection of the freedoms and rights of the individual. By forthright emphasis on the worth of the individual as a child of God, the church has shared the responsibility for awakening this desire. Methodist churches everywhere can demonstrate their steadfast adherence to this belief by supporting the United Nations Genocide Convention and Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

The decision about her responsibility in this matter has been a difficult one for many women in this position. Should she bide her time until the attacks on the U.N. subside? Would they subside? There is a ghost that disturbs most of us today as we try to take comfort by applying to the U.N. situation the principle that the true eventually overcomes the false by its own weight. This is the ghost of the League of Nations. The creation of the League was one of the announced "war aims" of the United States in World War I. It was sponsored by the most influential leadership of both the Republican and the Democratic parties. The press, the clergy, educators, and labor supported it. In spite of this it was defeated by a small minority. The tactic which resulted in the defeat was to play up every possible line of thought. Sometimes it was said that the League was so weak as to be nothing more than a debating society. Sometimes it was said that if the United States joined such a powerful organization she might find her soldiers ordered off to fight in Ireland or Arabia in defense of the British Empire, her tariffs dictated by her competitors, and her immigration laws formulated by Japan. Curiously enough, such contradictory fears failed to cancel each other out but rolled, instead, into a compelling tide that defeated the League of Nations.

Today's criticisms look much the same. Some deplore the ineffectiveness of so weak an organization as U.N. Others say that it has grown so strong and greedy for power that it is controlling our domestic affairs. Surely history could not repeat itself—but the ghost of the League is still very real to those who look at today's criticisms.

If this Methodist woman decides that she has a responsibility to meet these attacks, she will want an answer to several questions—Will she stand alone? How can she work most effectively?—These questions the panel worked on.

1. *You aren't alone when you work for U.N. understanding.* Many well-known national organizations, like those represented on the panel, have been strong in their U.N. support. Also, you will often find in your community many organizations which you would not readily associate with this type of work, that have strong stands on the U.N. as part of their policy. They, too, can be of help. Most of the other churches in your community have strong national statements from their policy-making bodies which support the U.N.

In an open letter to church women, the chairman of Christian World Relations of the Department of United Church Women pointed out those things in that field which "as church women we believe in." The list includes the

nited Nations and its Specialized gencies—UNESCO, FAO, WHO, NICEF, et cetera, the Universal eclaration of Human Rights and ie proposed International Covenant on Human Rights, the Covenant Against Genocide, the United ations Technical Assistance Program and U. S. Point 4, and closes ith a final "belief." "We can and ust move from negative pessimm and passive indifference into ositive action. We can change ur world into a Christian World ommunity."

2. *The situation which the United ations faces for support in our ongress is serious.*

The new administration has made s support clear. One sentence om the President's inaugural adress stood out for those who have xed their hope upon the United ations. "Respecting the United ations as the living sign of all eople's hope for peace, we shall rive to make it not merely an eloent symbol but an effective orce." However, it was clear to iembers of the panel that when the me came for U.N. appropriations be considered by Congress, the dministration would need all the elp it could get in securing underanding and support for them in ongress.

It was pointed out that although recent survey showed 70 per ent of the United States citizens avoring the U.N., this majority ften tended to be less vocal than ie minority which is in opposition. hese U.N. observers were sure that is not statements of national oranizations which influence conressmen as much as the expressed pinions (and they don't need to be xpressed elaborately, either) of ie "folks back home." It seemed ear that the greatest service that ould be done would be for citizens every community to get to know eir representatives in Congress nd to keep a channel of communiation open to them.

3. *It takes basic U.N. education ensure that a community will ot be swept by doubts and fears whenever adverse publicity appears.* The panel's attention was called to an exhibit prepared by the St. Louis Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. E. Wohlstadter, which consisted of three cleverly mounted exhibits showing three St. Louis celebrations: Human Rights Day, 1951; United Nations Day, 1952; and Human Rights Day, 1952. They agreed that a city that had done the extensive educational programs indicated in the exhibit, would have a strong anchor to windward against anti-U.N. storms.

The following principles seemed basic in U.N. interpretation:

a) The U.N. must not be "oversold" as a quick shortcut to peace.

b) The climate for peace will eventually be created by the long-term efforts of such bodies as the Economic and Social Council, the Technical Assistance Board, the Commission on Human Rights, and the Trusteeship Council, which work to improve the condition of men the world over.

c) No country can find peace by withdrawing within its borders.

d) If the U.N. were destroyed today, we would have to begin to work on a new organization tomorrow.

e) One does not need to agree with everything an organization does in order to see its usefulness and importance.

4. *Large communities need U.N. Councils—small ones often do not.* It is often necessary in a large city to bring together representatives of agencies so that action can be unified. In a smaller community overlapping membership can take care of this, if there is even one person in the community who is willing to thoroughly inform herself on the U.N. and make it her special concern.

5. *How you answer questions depends on the questioner.* Some questioners don't really want the answer—you don't need to waste much time on them. Some really need to have a point of view explained. All have to be treated with patience, and if you can dramatize your answer so that the listener will remember it, you will really be effective.

LIST OF MATERIALS

To Meet Questions About the United Nations

1. Christian Social Relations pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN, September, 1952. Also reprinted with very slight abridgment in *Social Progress,* December, 1952, Division of Social Education and Action, 830 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Price, 15 cents.

2. The Facts on UNESCO pamphlets. Remarks of Representative A. S. J. Carnahan (in reply to charges made against UNESCO). *Congressional Record,* April 1, 1952. Order from Representative Carnahan, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Free.

3. *Questions and Answers on the United Nations Charter, Genocide Convention and the proposed Covenant on Human Rights.* Office of Public Affairs, Department of State, June, 1952.

4. *The Hate Campaigns Against the U.N.,* by Gordon D. Hall. Beacon Press, Boston, Massachusetts. Price, 50 cents.

5. *International Covenant on Human Rights,* by O. Frederick Nolde. Distributed by American Association for the U.N., 45 E. 65th Street, New York. Single copy free.

6. *Fifty-nine Senators Can Be Wrong,* by Peter Kihss. Distributed by American Association for the U.N., 45 E. 65th Street, New York. Single copies free.

General Material to Provide Information About What the U.N. Really Is Doing

1. *A Christian's Primer of the United Nations* (new edition), Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, 25 cents.

2. *Every Man's United Nations*—U.N. Publication, 1950-1-9. Sales Division, United Nations, New York. Price, $1.25.

3. *United Nations and World Community,* by Abraham H. Feller. Little Brown & Co., Boston, Massachusetts. Price, $2.50.

4. *The Churches and the United Nations,* by Walter Van Kirk. Price, 15 cents. Order from Board of World Peace, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

TAKING STOCK IN 1953

The month of May is an important month for officers in the local Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of The Methodist Church. It is then that officers are installed and begin their responsibilities for the ensuing year that begins June 1.

The secretary (*chairman* in the Wesleyan Service Guild) of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and her committee should begin planning toward this time when officers for the new year will take over responsibilities. An evaluation of the year's work in this phase of the program is essential in every local Society and Guild. The results of this evaluation should be given to the new secretary along with other files that will be of help to her as she assumes her new duties in this office.

The following *check list* may be of help as this "stock-taking" process gets under way and you prepare the report for your successor.

RESOURCES ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. *Handbook on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities (1952-56)** (Yes) (No)
2. *Activities for 1952-53** (Yes) (No)
3. The four pages on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in THE METHODIST WOMAN (Yes) (No)
4. Other materials listed on pp. 15, 16 of the *Handbook*. (Yes) (No)

   List materials used: _____

   _____

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5. Amount of Cultivation Funds used in the promotion of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities $_____

CHANNELS FOR ACTION USED IN PROMOTING THE PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

1. Regular meetings of Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild (Yes) (No)
2. Circles meetings (Yes) (No)
3. Other organized groups in the church (Yes) (No)
4. The church-wide emphasis on peace, temperance, human rights, citizenship, et cetera (Yes) (No)
5. Interdenominational channels, such as Council of Church Women or other joint planning groups (Yes) (No)
6. Cooperation with non-church agencies in the community (Yes) (No)

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN OR INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS BY YOUR GROUP:

1. Participation in the election of 1952 (Yes) (No)
2. A program of alcohol education and action (Yes) (No)
3. Combatting the use of narcotics in your community (Yes) (No)
4. Working to make newcomers an integrated part of your church and community (Yes) (No)
5. Family Life—needs of children and youth (follow-up of the Midcentury White House Conference) (Yes) (No)
6. Human Rights (Yes) (No)
7. The Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division (Yes) (No)
8. Special community needs—housing, health, education, or employment (Yes) (No)
9. Support of constructive legislation in Congress, state legislature, or in county or city (Yes) (No)
10. United Nations (Yes) (No)

NOTE: *Why not write the story of one of your most important activities of the year and send it with your June first (Fourth Quarter) report to your district secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities?*

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

New Leaflets on Teaching in the Home

The following new leaflets have been prepared by the Department of the Christian Family in cooperation with the Department of Christian Education of Children of the General Board of Education. Each one has six pages and four illustrations.

Parents—Teachers of Religion—In the Home (3024-B)

Teaching Children About God—In the Home (3025-B)

Teaching Children About Jesus—In the Home (3026-B)

Teaching Children to Make Right Choices—In the Home (3027-B)

Teaching Children World-mindedness—In the Home (3028-B)

Teaching Children About Sex—In the Home (3029-B)

Teaching Children About the Bible—In the Home (3030-B)

Teaching Children About Prayer—In the Home (3031-B)

A sample set will be sent free to any Woman's Society officer. It is necessary to charge for quantity orders. Price 20 cents a dozen or $1.00 a hundred for any leaflet or an assortment. Order from The Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. *Please send cash or check with order.*

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWSLETTER

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

Western Jurisdiction Election

Shangle Studios, Medford, Oregon

Mrs. Everett Faber

Kee Coleman

Mrs. Louis Annette

Western Jurisdiction has recently elected as its secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild Mrs. Everett Faber, Box 125, Central Point, Oregon, who has been the secretary of Oregon Conference for the past four years. Prior to that time she served as district secretary, and has also held offices in her local Guild. Mrs. Faber has had great success in organizing Guilds in Oregon and has presented the work of the Guild with spirited enthusiasm. We welcome her to this office and to the Guild Standing Committee.

Mrs. Faber succeeds Mrs. Louis Annette, who is now retiring as jurisdiction secretary. Mrs. Annette has done a great deal of pioneering for the Guild in the vast area covered by the Western Jurisdiction. Last summer she conducted the Guild clinic at the Western Jurisdiction Summer School of Missions and Christian Service, after which one conference secretary was heard to remark, "She certainly did make us work!" Mrs. Annette was Guild secretary for California-Nevada Conference.

Election for the Quadrennium 1952-1956

The organizational and annual meeting of the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild was held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, January 9 to 11. At this time the six Guild Members-at-Large and the officers of the Standing Committee for the next quadrennium were elected. The new officers are: Mrs. George Dismukes, chairman; Mrs. T. Otto Nall, vice-chairman; and Miss Margaret Peacock, secretary. The full Standing Committee is as follows:

Woman's Division Members:

Mrs. George Dismukes, Westville, Oklahoma. South Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. T. Otto Nall, 2748 Marcy Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. North Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. William T. Anderson, 34 S. Hunter Avenue, Auburn, New York. Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. C. P. Hardin, 14 Nokomis Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee. Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins, 6717 Evans Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois. Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Jesse W. Bunch, 1804 Birch Street, Forest Grove, Oregon. Western Jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction Secretaries:

Miss Margaret A. Peacock, 101 Garner Avenue, Buffalo 13, New York. Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. E. V. Ennis, 1536 Holland Avenue, Norfolk 9, Virginia. Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Miss Lillie Florence Arnold, 112 Brown Avenue, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Central Jurisdiction.

Miss Dorothy Payne, 2719 Guthrie Avenue, Des Moines 17, Iowa. North Central Jurisdiction.

Miss Gertie Stiles, 707 N. Greenwood Avenue, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. South Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Everett Faber, Box 125, Central Point, Oregon. Western Jurisdiction.

Guild Members-at-Large:

Miss Eleanor P. Clarkson, chairman of Committee on Spiritual Life, 327 East 75th Street, New York, N. Y. Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. James B. Hughes, chairman of Committee on Status of Women, 213 W. Main Street, Louisa, Kentucky. Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Inez C. Harewood, chairman of Committee on Supply Work, 420 East Dover, Easton, Maryland. Central Jurisdiction.

Miss Audrey Wright, chairman of Committee on Missionary Education, 5 E. Chestnut Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. North Central Jurisdiction.

Miss Mary Gladys Page, chairman of Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, P. O. Box 696, Amite, Louisiana. South Central Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Clarence Jones, chairman of Committee on Promotion, 1405 Haskell Street, Reno, Nevada. Western Jurisdiction.

Staff Members (ex officio):

Miss Henrietta Gibson, Treasurer of the Woman's Division.

Miss Dorothy McConnell, Editor, WORLD OUTLOOK.

Miss Dorcas Hall, Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation.

Miss Lillian A. Johnson, Division Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

The committee is working on plans which will be suggested to Guild officers during the coming year. Watch THE METHODIST WOMAN!

National Guild Retreat

An interesting report on the National Guild Retreat was given by Miss Margaret Peacock, Guild Secretary of Northeastern Jurisdiction at the Standing Committee Meeting. There already have been several articles about the retreat in THE METHODIST WOMAN; see September issue "National Guild Retreat," page 29 and the January issue "Dear Fellow Members," page 29. But because it may be of help to those who are planning retreats, we are giving excerpts of this report, particularly in regard to the meditations which were conducted by Mr. Francis Hall, director of the retreat.

A FEW WEEKS before the retreat, we received a letter from Mr. Hall in which he asked us to do three things in preparation: (1) read the Bible daily; (2) read Albert E. Day's *Autobiography of Prayer,* Sam Miller's *Life of a Soul,* and E. Stanley Jones's *How to Be a Transformed Person;* (3) pray in expectation of things to come from this retreat.

Our leader centered his first meditation on the idea of the retreat. He gave instances from the lives of prophets and saints of the Bible who withdrew for periods of their lives in order to receive from God what they needed.

He told us we should stop being Marthas and become Marys for these two days, leaving behind our varied interests in order to begin to find God. We must remember we are all working together. Retreat is an individual experience, but at the same time we are seeking Him as a group. We must hold one another up in prayer, that His spirit may come to each person. We must maintain the discipline of silence; we must keep the spirit of silence even when strict silence is not required. He spoke of three great elements in life:

1. Three great facts: God is; God is here now; we are children of God.

2. A great tragedy: wrong choice brings estrangement from God. Anxiety, fear, worry, error, inadequacy, and resentment are caused by this estrangement.

3. A great mystery: God's spirit moves in the world to overcome this estrangement. The Holy Spirit comes into our weakness with power. It is the responsibility of each of us to find God and become a channel for His Spirit.

At the second meditation, Mr. Hall spoke of the new sensitivity in the last decade to the importance of spiritual growth, as evidenced by George Arthur Buttrick in *Prayer,* and by such movements as that of Albert E. Day in the creation of prayer cells. He challenged us with the idea that in a sense the world today is approaching a great Christmas Eve. It is on the eve of a great spiritual awakening. This will not come automatically, but through a great "stirring" of people like you and me, as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

At the third meditation, Mr. Hall pointed out that ours is an age of action. Actionists have done a tremendous amount of good in the world, yet it is a fallacy to say that action is synonymous with spiritual growth. We tend to carry on our work in our own will. Yet people like Gandhi, Albert Schweitzer, and Kagawa combine action with contemplation.

We must keep an impersonal attitude toward our good works. If they succeed, we should give the glory to God; if they fail the responsibility is His, not ours.

He gave these suggestions for Spiritual Exercises in preparation for meeting our daily tasks:

1. Stop and pray before you begin the day's work.

2. Stop several times daily and dedicate your work to God.

3. At the conclusion of your work, thank God for the chance to work in His name.

One of the most helpful aids to contemplative prayer is the use of a "prayer phrase." Each must choose her own, and use it until it becomes a part of her. St. Francis of Assisi's prayer phrase was, "Thou art my God and my all."

In his next meditation period Mr. Hall clarified for us the meaning of "interim" prayer, in which we receive God and give back to Him His own, and "intercessory" prayer, in which we give others to Him. There are, he said, four types of intercessory prayer:

1. Physical, in which a book may be used to promote concentration. Prayers may be written and Bible passages memorized.

2. Mental, in which we may meditate on great truths from the Bible, and on the nature and meaning of God.

3. Emotional, in which we use our emotions to fortify our faith. We should guard against the overstimulation of this gift from God.

4. Volitional, in which we surrender in openness to God, waiting in quietness upon Him. Into this silence the still calm voice will speak. Just as God planned trees which breathe and thrive on carbon dioxide and purify the atmosphere so man may live, He planned for intercessory prayer which purifies the atmosphere of the world poisoned by hate and fear. The task of the intercession is to breathe in fear and hatred and give forth purified love, faith, joy, and peace.

Mr. Hall prepared us for the consecration service with these words:

"We want to walk with Jesus, we desire to grow spiritually but the right foot is mired in evil, the left foot is reaching after pleasures, the hands hold tight to our personal ego. We must have unity to advance spiritually; we must die to our self-will, until with Paul we can say 'For me to live is Christ.'"

In the closing consecration service each one selected the things toward which she wished to advance and make concrete resolutions.

In a period of silent worship, each one talked to God and listened for Him to speak to her.

MISS NOWLIN'S NEW WORK

The Guild office has been receiving many requests for information concerning Mabel Ruth Nowlin's new work. Excerpts from her last letter will answer some of the questions.

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It is just a month ago today that I reached Malaya. I am glad to say that already I can see real progress in the work.

Since this is a new project, with no "established course," it has taken considerable prayer and listening and learning as I "feel my way along." There has been cordial welcome on the part of both nationals and missionaries. They have said, "We are so glad you are here. We need more and better religious education materials, and we are too loaded with other tasks to direct what needs to be done."

I have attended both the Chinese and the Malaya Annual Conferences. In the Chinese Conference I was glad to meet with the Committee on Literature, which conducted its meeting in Mandarin instead of the Hokkien dialect in which most of the conference business was transacted. When the meeting opened they asked me to lead in prayer, which I did in Mandarin, and it all felt like the good old days of a China literature meeting.

Thus far the most urgent need in Chinese literature seems to be for material that can be used in the new villages. That should be an interdenominational project, but I have not heard of any group undertaking it as yet. When I see Mr. Kuppisamy, of the Malaya Council of Christian Education, we shall see about setting up such a group. They now get Sunday-school material from Hong Kong which seems usable for regular Sunday schools. New villages have such mobs of children that they need mass approach.

At the Malaya Annual Conference, I found that their so-called Literature Committee (a rather elderly group of people) had produced four small tracts. Meanwhile, the up-and-coming Commission on Christian Education had turned out 175 pages of material (mostly for MYF), but had no representation on the Literature Committee. The conference voted to have a reorganization of the Literature Committee so that all groups would be represented, and I have been asked to be a member of the survey group on the reorganization.

But I feel I got my best "break" with the Commission on Christian Education, whose able executive secretary, Mr. Theodore Doraisamy, has been most friendly to me. The commission voted that I head up their Department of Literature Production, and represent them on the Malaya Council of Christian Education. Their literature is in English, since the children and young people all use English in the schools and churches.

They are quite desperate for Sunday-school material written for boys and girls of Malaya with their problems in view. This week I met with my first group of Sunday-school teachers. We have drawn up a simple questionnaire to be used in schools and Sunday schools, to give us actual data regarding interests, background, needs, and behavior problems of the boys and girls of grades 4 to 8. This is the age group that people feel should have priority in our planning, as we map out a general plan for kindergarten through high school.

There is a big need for leadership training in these churches; and there is work enough for still another person. As I go around in the interests of the preparation of religious education materials, I have told them that I am glad to meet with their church-school teachers, for we need their help.

May Program

The Committee on Program of the Standing Committee plans to present program aids each month to be used with the *Program Book*. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for two a year. The suggestions for the May program, pages 112 to 123 of the *Program Book* and pages 17 and 18 of the *Worship Booklet,* were written by Mary Monroe, secretary of Iowa-Des Moines Conference Guild; Mrs. Ruth Leupold, president of First Church Guild, Des Moines, and district chairman of the Committee on Program; and Novella Bredbenner, also of First Church, Des Moines, Iowa, North Central Jurisdiction.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR MAY

Resource Material—*Program Book,* pages 112 to 123; *Worship Booklet,* pages 17 and 18.

Instrumental Music: "Hymn to Joy" —No. 12, *The Methodist Hymnal*

Scripture and Responsive Reading as printed

Meditation as printed

Prayer Hymn: "More Love to Thee, O Christ"—No. 364, *The Methodist Hymnal*

Prayer

Dramatization: The secretaries of Missionary Education and Spiritual Life call upon a prospective Guild member who is questioning the value of the total Guild program. They explain how she can share in the Guild work in her local church, the community, and the world. As they talk about the work in a local Esther Hall and a Community Center, a girl from each describes the activities there. The secretary of Missionary Education tells about the projects in the Home Mission fields, and a Navajo appears in costume to give further details of our work with her people. Letters from missionaries in foreign fields are produced and simultaneously costumed figures present the needs of that country as outlined in the *Program Book.* Conclusions are drawn relative to a Christian's opportunity and responsibility to serve and share. (See "Conclusion," pages 116-117). The prospective member decides to become a Guild member and help strengthen the work through her prayers, service, and financial gifts. She suggests they all pledge in song with, "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" —No. 460, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

Guiding Words (as printed) followed by Silent Prayer

Hymn Poem: "The Voice of God Is Calling"—No. 454 (to be read or sung) *The Methodist Hymnal*

Signing of Pledge Cards with quiet music—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" —No. 213, *The Methodist Hymnal*

Prayer of Dedication

Book Reviews

By BETH CLEMES

O WORSHIP THE LORD, by Georgia Harkness. (National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. 20 cents)

From her experiences as a theologian, educator, author, and world traveler, Dr. Georgia Harkness has written four worship services for women's groups. She has used general themes, building one around the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and another around an evening hymn, arranging it as a radio program.

Realizing that women's groups have long needed such services, the Department of United Church Women have offered them this booklet, an attractive publication with hand-lettered chapter headings and an unusual cover.

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United Church Women has also produced a black and white filmstrip, interpreting the organization and the activities of their group. The filmstrip uses Mrs. Dean as a representative member, showing how her actions and thoughts are made more widely significant and purposeful because of her participation in a Council of Church Women.

THE QUEST FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, by Robert S. Bilheimer. (Association Press, $2.50)

A younger voice than many who have commented on the ecumenical movement, Mr. Bilheimer speaks realistically and with awareness. He writes with authority. His idealistic vision, then, is not something to be forgotten but rather to be marked, for it is a dream built on knowledge.

Beginning with a clear historical background of the ecumenical movement, Mr. Bilheimer goes on to interpret different phases of the struggle, and finally to evaluate the results and trends. He is convinced it is by cooperation among the churches rather than by formal union that true unity will be achieved. Aware of secular intrusions and religious differences, Mr. Bilheimer yet believes that the ecumenical vision has caught on too strongly to be lost.

THE LORD WAS THEIR SHEPHERD, by Mary Olive Wages. (Exposition Press, $2.50)

This book illustrates the power of religious faith to influence people and events. The conflicts that arise within a person and among people who struggle to know this faith lead to interesting and often exciting situations.

In dramatizing these conflicts, Mary Wages uses two approaches, first telling the story of Bombita, the famous Mexican bullfighter, who faces certain death on tossing horns but who lives. Then, the warm absorbing story told in anecdotal form of St. John Devine, a Methodist minister who served for thirty-five years, brings in a host of the people who lived, loved, and hurt each other in the church.

Although at times the book moves slowly, yet the author shows real sympathy for the problem of faith and possesses a decided descriptive ability.

REDISCOVERING JESUS, by Jack Finegan (Association Press, $2.50)

Jack Finegan, who serves as clergyman in the University Christian Church, Berkeley, California, has collected a group of his sermonic essays based on the life of Jesus. They are slanted toward the average layman who is interested in and often baffled by religious questions.

Each essay covers adequately some phase of the life or importance of Jesus. They are tightly written and quick-reading chapters, displaying an accurate scientific and theological knowledge combined with a skill for poetic expression, on the part of the author.

As one reads about the life of Jesus as a historical fact, His place in history, His life and meaning for today, one rediscovers a faith of enthusiasm. This is a joyous book, strong and positive.

THEY DARE TO BELIEVE, by Robert M. Bartlett. (Association Press, $2.00)

Within a few pages, Robert Bartlett acquaints us thoroughly with seventeen world citizens who dared to have the faith that "all things are possible to him that believeth." The selection was made from a wide range of professional activity, including a historian, Arnold Toynbee, a Lebanese statesman, Charles Malik, and two women—Indian leader, Madame Pandit, and Frenchwoman, Madeleine Barot. They all have overcome many obstacles in order to carry out their deeds of service to a universal community. Robert Bartlett effectively combines factual material with informal accounts of his personal contacts with these people.

IN QUEST OF GOD'S POWER, by Charles L. Allen. (Fleming H. Revell Company, $2.50)

A preacher, columnist, and broadcaster from Atlanta, Georgia, Charles L. Allen writes warm, direct messages which are infused with his personal religious philosophy. He answers the small and the universal problems of people with reassurance, hope, and practical suggestions. His philosophy is simple, based on a few fundamentals. Many illustrations, taken from his experiences, make the book very persuasive. With no pretentions, Allen appeals strongly to the individual to "seek God's power" through Bible study, prayer, and complete reliance.

AFRICA IS HERE. Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. This is the report of the North American Assembly on African Affairs, which was held at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, June 16-25, 1952. It includes addresses and background papers prepared for the assembly by authorities on African affairs and the role of the churches there. Reports of forums, conversations, and panels are also included, together with the findings and recommendations of the assembly. The report is available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; and Distributing Offices. Price, 75 cents.

An Annuitant Wrote:

I do wish I were able to do all that is in my heart. However, since my working days are nearly over I feel the need to provide for myself in order that I may not be a burden to others, and I know no safer way than to invest in such annuities.

For information regarding the Annuity Plan of the Woman's Division and a copy of the free booklet, *Annuity Dollars Make a Difference*, fill out the blank and send to:

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MISSIONARY Briefs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Through Conversation
Through Letters
Through Programs

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF WORK IN FOREIGN AND HOME FIELDS

A PERSONAL LETTER

Dear Methodist Women of America:

We, the students of Allen High School in Asheville, North Carolina, wish to tell you that the new dormitory which you built for us with your gifts to the 1951 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial was dedicated on November 16, 1952. It was a beautiful and happy day, and our thoughts turned often to you as we celebrated the coming-true of our dreams. The new brick, fireproof dormitory will house the eighty boarding students and the staff.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, was the main speaker, and she inspired us all with her talk about what real education means and what Methodist women expect of us in Christian attitudes and leadership. Miss Muriel Day was with us, also Dr. David D. Jones, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, and many other distinguished guests.

The new dormitory is modern and beautiful. Many of us must look to Allen High School as the only hope for Negro girls in western North Carolina to receive an accredited education. We hope and pray that we shall always show our gratitude for this new building by keeping it as lovely as it is now. When Valeria Powe, our student body president, and Mrs. Claire Lennon, our superintendent, accepted the building at the dedication ceremony they made this promise for us.

Part of the dedication ceremony was in a church next to the school, then we moved outdoors to the entrance of the dormitory where the keys were presented to Mrs. Brooks by the architect and then to Miss Day. The choir sang, "Bless This House," which expressed the feelings of all of us. Mrs. John McMullen also inspired the audience with her rendition of two appropriate solos. Following the ceremonies, the Alumni Association served tea in the lounge of the new dormitory.

Thank you again for your continued help and prayers.

—The Journalism Class

IN MEMORIAM

***Mrs. Ella Hendricks*, (F. A.), who retired in 1939 from Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Mississippi, died on December 27, 1952, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Hendricks served as an enrolled home missionary for twenty-one years under the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been superintendent of Aiken Hall and Erie School, Olive Hill, Kentucky, and McCleskey Hall, at Boaz, Alabama.**

***Miss Grace Pillmore*, a retired deaconess who made her home with her brother in Rome, New York, passed away on December 26, 1952. Miss Pillmore was consecrated a deaconess in 1913 after having served the two year probationary period following her graduation from the New York Deaconess Training School. She served several Methodist churches in New York City as the parish worker and was retired in 1937.**

PHILIPPINES

Orientation

From one of the missionaries who just arrived in the Philippines, we received an interesting statement of an "orientation" trip to different Methodist Mission stations:

It was thrilling to be at one of the institutes for rural church workers. They met to learn newer methods and better ways of presenting the gospel to every age group. It is an inspiration to see the Mobile Clinic at work in remote rural towns and *barrios* on the tip of Northern Luzon. They bring not only what is needed for physical rehabilitation, but through movies and testimony they answer the Filipinos' spiritual hunger.

In Manila, for the underprivileged groups who are the victims of poor housing and no recreational facilities, the Methodist Social Center is providing medical attention and recreational facilities. I have seen with satisfaction the large, stately, beautiful city churches and the small, humble but also beautiful rural churches. It reminds me that Christ came for all—the rich, the poor, in every land.

Party at the Methodist Social Center in Manila

Rev. Charles Mosebrook

MISSIONARY Briefs

OUTREACH

Valley Institute, Pharr, Texas

Refugio was ready to sign up for the air corps; he knew he would be drafted soon anyway. But there were some big matters to consider before joining. One of them was the Easter pageant. Refugio, with his deep voice, was taking the part of Judas in the Methodist Youth Fellowship production. There were just enough members in the group to fill the parts needed. The Home Missions worker who was directing the pageant would be disappointed if Refugio backed out now. He stayed. Refugio did his part not only as Judas but as production engineer. And what a production it was!

After school during the week before Easter, the whole cast, the costumes, the portable organ, and the wooden crosses were piled into the station wagon. They went to migrant communities in isolated places. With the earth for a stage, the audience mostly children seated in semi-circles on the ground, the story of Jesus and the lovely music brought the Easter message. Little eyes lit up with the excitement of it all. It wasn't often that a group of big boys and girls came to be with them, play with them, dramatize such a wonderful story for them. Each evening the MYF drove to small frame churches, mostly those without a regular pastor, where the congregation would be gathered even before the lights were set up or the costumes on.

These were happy experiences . . . . and meaningful ones for us. Mary Lou—Mary in the play—remarked, "How friendly the people in that tiny Elsa Church are." It was true. As we shared the Easter story, the world became more real and more friendly for all of us. Out in the isolated areas we found friends who gave us much more than we could have hoped to give them in the production of the pageant.

GRATITUDE

Tokyo, Japan

The Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada built a dormitory for the women students attending the Union Seminary located on the outskirts of Tokyo, Japan. The dormitory was dedicated on December 11, 1952. From the many letters of thanks, two are given:

> I am very thankful to you for such a fine dormitory which was built by your help and God's favor. It had long been our desire to have a girls' dormitory. Especially in my case, I had had a very inconvenient life, living in rented rooms from the day of entrance. So I could not study with my best strength in such hard conditions. I cannot express my thanks for the chance to live in this new dormitory. I live here now wishing to be a good worker for God and be a light for Him in this world, though I am very unworthy. Please remember us in your daily prayers. I wish God to bless you and your life always. With thanks and pleasure.—MEGUME OHASHI.

> Although I have not seen you yet, we can understand each other in Jesus. How glad we are to give great thanks to God with deep emotion for this gift, given because of your love and sacrifices. We are thankful to you that because of your favor we can live here with our sisters, preparing for our future. I had longed to have a girls' dormitory, but no one could expect such a beautiful one so soon. I know He said that He could do anything more than I could expect. I wish to live my life with Him. I think the only way to show our thanks to God and to you is to do my best to complete my responsibility for mission work.—CHIEKO KUNIOKA.

A NEW FIELD OF SERVICE

In October I came to Zion Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, where I am attempting to set up a group work program. At the present time, I have groups of children from the ages of five to twelve in the afternoon, for art, music listening, storytelling, skits and plays, folk dancing, and library. In the evenings the teen-agers come for table games, club meetings, square dancing, and socials. I also teach in the primary department of the church school.

We are hoping to get a recreation building in the near future and to have groups that will continue. At the present time we are in a very small building. We hope to get children of the community to learn to work and to play together, to form better personal relationships. Our work is not only with children but with adults, also. However, it is much more difficult to get them interested in some activity.

—LILLIE LYNEM,
Las Vegas, Nevada

MARCIA E. WERTSCH LECTURESHIP

The first program on the lectureship established two years ago at National College for Christian Workers at Kansas City, Missouri, was "The Curriculum of Religious Education" with Dr. Paul H. Vieth, Dr. Leonard Stidley, Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, Rev. Ralph Mould, and Professor Dale C. Keeler participating. The periodical, *Religious Education,* used the papers and the panel discussion in the September-October, 1952, number. The Marcia E. Wertsch Lectureship will present a program on "Music in Religious Education" on April 19 and 20.

NOTE
Change of Address

Miss Esther Laird, R.N.
Miss Olive Ratliff, R.N.
Methodist Mission
Taejon, Korea

BECOMING ACQUAINTED IN MALAYA

By FLORENCE SMITH

(Formerly a China missionary, recently transferred to Malaya)

Kuala Lumpur

THE PLACE in which I am now working is a beautiful spot. It is a town which has grown very rapidly in recent years, since it has become the capital of the Federation of Malaya. The public buildings are very intriguing with their coats of off-white plaster, topped by numerous minarets. The main streets are wide, tree-lined, and well-paved. In fact, the road system throughout the entire Federation is considered excellent. The Malays, as you know, are Moslems, hence the type of architecture.

Our bungalow is located on a low hill covered with grassy lawns adjacent to our girls' hostel, and near our Senior School. We look across to other homes on adjacent hills hidden behind tropical greenery. We are close to the center of town, only about five minutes by bicycle, but still quite removed and very quiet.

Nearby is located a hospital, clinic, Radio Malaya, and the British Consulate. There are several British department stores, large banks, many groceries, and shops of all types. Practically anything can be purchased, but prices are much higher than at home; hence I am glad for everything I brought with me.

Our Methodist Girls' School is a large institution with an enrollment of 1,200 students. There will be more students next term as the government is requesting that we admit four first-year classes instead of the usual two. The government has no schools for girls in this town, nor in this state, I believe. They leave that responsibility to the churches and then give grant-in-aid.

Our school is housed in two sections about one mile apart. The first six years in the Junior School and the last five years in the Senior School. The demand for education is so great that children cannot get into first-year primary until seven years of age. An effort is being made this year to lower that level by three months, thus the increase in classes. Everything is taught in English from the beginning.

There are only two American missionaries in the school, Miss Margaret Seeck, the principal, and myself. However, there are several British teachers on the staff, some Eurasians, and the rest Indians, Chinese, and Malays. Our faculty is, of course, predominantly Christian.

My task is the supervision of the religious instruction in the school. Every class has two periods weekly, and the two highest classes three periods. It is a regular course of study with examinations as in the other courses. The school also has regular chapel services and recently I have been able to start two student prayer groups, one meeting before school in the morning, the other meeting at the recess period.

Classes begin at 7:40 A.M. and continue until 1:10 P.M. Sports, special classes, et cetera, come in the afternoon. But then most schools have their buildings occupied by an afternoon school with separate principal and staff which serves children over the specified age, and overflow groups who cannot get in to the morning schools. Our afternoon school has another 600-700 children.

We are working in a country in which all efforts now are being made to foster a national spirit. For centuries there have been three national groups: the Chinese immigrating mostly from South China with a view to making money and eventually returning to their homeland; the Indians from South India and Ceylon, coming with similar intentions; and the Malays, natives of this country in which the two other national groups have been more clever and aggressive in their methods.

We are working now with a generation of young folks who often know nothing but the English language. They have, with few exceptions, all been born in this country. The customs and culture of the motherlands of their parents are becoming less important to them and nothing has yet come to replace them. The traditions, to which the older generation clings, often mean little to the young folks. With their English education they have an entirely new thought pattern and outlook.

Next to these young folks are those who attend the vernacular schools, conducted in the native tongues of their ancestors and families. They teach the curriculum followed in the homelands, with some modifications, thus giving a fair foundation in the ideas and ideals of the parents, but on a foreign soil. It is a situation from which arise many difficult problems.

Recent Arrivals From—

Brazil: **Misses Sarah Bennett, Box 295, Meadville, Miss.; Irene Hesselgesser, Route 2, Urbana, Ohio.**

Japan: **Misses Grace Wood, c/o Mrs. George E. Wood, 1049 Plamer Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.; Catherine Stevens, c/o Mrs. B. M. Bowen, Box 726, Emory University, Ga.**

Mexico: **Miss Judith Hall, 5125 28 St., Minneapolis, Minn.**

Peru: **Miss Dorothy Sandfort, Humboldt, Nebraska.**

Uruguay: **Misses Helen Fern Baker, 1710 South Fourth, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Elsie Culver, 1421 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mary Jordan, Cordell, Okla.; Gladys Lynch, Salem Ill.**

Recent Sailings For—

Borneo: **Miss Annie Pittman**

Korea from Japan: **Misses Mary M. Mitchell, Peggy Billings**

Japan: **Miss Helen Barnes**

Peru: **Misses Mary Helen Games, Opal Meier.**

MISSIONARY Briefs

SOUTH SIDE SETTLEMENT

Columbus, Ohio

The settlement has gone through the upheaval of change, with a new board, a new director, and the majority of the staff new. The present board of twenty-two members is composed of men and women representing church and community and both races. An interracial staff is enriching the program. Many needed repairs have been made.

The greatest single recent achievement has been an expanded teen-age program every night and Saturday mornings. Older teenagers who are working five days a week wanted to find their recreation at the settlement. Our goal for the next year is greater physical and spiritual growth for each child in our midst. A twelve-year-old boy came to vacation Bible school one morning asking, "Is this where you learn about God?" The director answered, "I certainly hope so."

As an outgrowth of our "Chapel in the Woods" at summer camp, we have established a quiet room at the settlement. We took over the staff room, hung blue cotton drapes at one end of it, and placed the picture, "Christ, Our Pilot." Below the picture is a small table with candles and an open Bible. Each leader has certain days on which he may use the quiet room. Staff members as well as children are using this room. —THE DIRECTOR

INDIA

District Work, Pakaur

There are eight village primary schools functioning at present, but from all sides are calls for more schools. One feels almost helpless when seeing the vast numbers of children who have no chance for education, and the small number who can attend our mission schools. We try to have one school in each circuit so those in the nearby villages may attend, and after primary classes go to Jidato for further study. Our schools are staffed with trained teachers, and each school has between twenty and forty students. The schools are small one-room mud houses; the children sit on mats, and the teacher has four classes to supervise.

Since it is impossible to have an adequate number of village schools, the use of short-term schools is being planned. The purpose of such schools is to give the people some training during the months when there is little field work. Last year we had one such school for four months—classes for the children in the morning and in the evening a group of young men in a literacy class.

Because of the vast numbers of small children who ride around on their big sisters' hips, the way is open for nursery school and kindergarten work in our villages. Instead of having to take the children out to the fields while they work, leaving them in the care of young children, how much better it would be to have small centers where these children might receive some training in playing, sharing, cleanliness in a wholesome Christian environment. One such center is being planned as an experiment to see if such work can be done, looking toward the time when one of our Santali girls will finish her nursery-school training and come back to supervise many such centers.

The adult literacy work has been under way since 1938, when Dr. Laubach visited Pakaur and helped to prepare the first adult literacy charts and books. Again in 1949 he assisted in revising the charts. The new material is now in use and proving helpful. We are proud to say that one of our senior pastors is the leader in the adult literacy work for the Santal Christian Council and has written many books, led institutes, and is assisting in this work. It is still a great joy to see the consecration and enthusiasm of the first Santal woman to become literate. Through her Christian conversion and the knowledge which reading and writing has opened for her, she is one of our most effective leaders. It is a humbling experience to be in her presence, for she *lives* her religion, she witnesses to her faith, and she shares her knowledge so freely and generously with all with whom she comes in contact.

Last July a new dispensary was opened at Theodori where a new center is being developed. This village is about fourteen miles from Pakaur and the dispensary serves many villages in that area. There is a Santali nurse-midwife in charge of the work. In the mornings she dispenses medicines, in the afternoons visits the villages, and goes out on maternity cases when called. A new building has rooms for the dispensary and a maternity ward. Also there are quarters for a missionary nurse and for the missionaries in charge of the center. The Nilssons began this center but as they have gone on furlough, Miss Ferguson is now living there and helping to supervise the work in that area.

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ALASKA

TO BE HONORED

KODIAK—A move to honor Ben Benson, designer of Alaska's flag, "while he's alive and can appreciate it," has been started by the Kodiak BPW which hopes to snowball the idea into a territory-wide affair. The plan is to build him a completely furnished home in Kodiak.

Mr. Benson is thirty-nine, has lived in Kodiak since 1949, and works for Bob Hall Air Service. He has two daughters, ages twelve and fourteen. Ben Benson designed the Alaskan flag when he was a boy of twelve and lived at the Jesse Lee Home in Seward. He is presently president of the Kodiak Carpenters' Local, and is also studying for an airplane mechanic's license. As a young man, Mr. Benson took a course in diesel engineering, given as a reward for designing the territorial flag. (From the *Valley Frontiersman,* Palmer, Alaska)

Jesse Lee Home, Seward

As I reflect upon the events of the past year, I wonder what we have accomplished. We can see the usefulness and the beauty of the new steam chef, the gas stove with the two big ovens, new pastel paint in the halls, a completely refinished gym floor, a living room decorated and furnished by the girls, a nearby cottage refinished for the staff, and we feel the pleasant warmth effected by the new heat controls.

But more important than these are the intangibles which cannot be measured. Lincoln accepts responsibilities more readily, Eddie is more willing to cooperate, Sylvia is a different person now with adoptive parents who really care, the twins have more concern for others, little Frankie is no longer lost in this big world, and Delores can be either the tantrum teen-ager or the admirable adolescent as her problems are diminishing. These and many other possible examples are reasons for joy and thanksgiving, and for believing that our efforts are not futile.

Last summer the older boys had a fruitful garden. Although it was late in June before the frost left the ground enough for planting, we enjoyed beets, radishes, lettuce, and all the other good vegetables, as well as potatoes by the end of the harvest in October. The boys helped me find even more berries this year. Fishing was also more popular and profitable all year. An overnight clam dig for the older boys and girls resulted in two barrels of clams for the freezing room and plenty of good clam chowder on our tables. Some of the younger children had their first train ride —to a picnic at Moose Pass.

Last October, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Mathews (the directors) and I attended the first Child Welfare Conference of the Territory, held in Palmer. With representatives from the other twenty-six children's homes and members of the Departments of Welfare, Health and Education of Alaska, we set minimum standards to license child-care institutions. It was really an experience.—DEACONESS RACHEL YOKEL

LATIN AMERICA

Mexico

MARIANO-ESCOBEDO, MEXICO CITY: We have had a good school year. Student government and a school store were inaugurated for the first time, and both had considerable success for something so completely new. In September, I took fourteen of our girls to the League "Congreso" in Puebla, where five dedicated their lives for full-time Christian service.

Out of a small graduating class of nine, two plan to go into Christian service, two will train to be teachers, two to be nurses, two to be doctors; one is still undecided. Of this group all but two were Protestant, and those two have been won for Christ and plan to be baptized into our church in the near future. Manuel and Vera Flores and I took this group of nine on a Spiritual Retreat when school was out. I am sure it was a blessing in the life of each.—ORLENE MCKIMMEY

Brazil

COLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE: In May, 1951, our Woman's Society started a mission Sunday school in the home of one of the members. How that work has grown! Last Sunday there were more than one hundred in attendance! Where they were all put, I do not know. Fortunately, it was a nice day and the children could have their class in the garden. In August, 1952, we inaugurated the hall which is nearing construction's end. In the building there will be room for socials as well as Sunday school, two smaller rooms for classes and social service.

The committee has worked very hard in the mission; injections are given by one of the women; a doctor gives free consultations every day; layettes for the babies are distributed; houses are patched up; jobs are procured; medicines are obtained at cost. What couldn't we do if we had the personnel to open such work in each outlying district! —MARY HELEN CLARK

Highest Decoration

The following item has come from Brazil where it appeared in the official daily government bulletin of December 5, 1952:

"The President of the Republic of Brazil, in his capacity of Grand Master of the National Order of Merit, in the terms of the Article 18 of Decree No. 21,854 of September 26, 1946, decides to confer the National Order of Merit in the degree of 'official' on Senhora Professora Eva Louise Hyde, for her outstanding services to education and to the social order of Brazil over a period of forty years."

This is the highest decoration the Brazilian government can give. So far as we know, Miss Hyde is the first missionary ever to be thus honored. She has worked in Brazil as a missionary of our Board since 1912, and has been the distinguished principal of Bennett College in Rio de Janeiro. In December, she returned home on her retirement furlough and will make her home in Denver, Colorado.

Defense Worker Reports

By LUCILE P. McMURRY

Methodist Prints

(Left) **Miss Louise Weeks, group worker, Bethlehem Center, Memphis, Tennessee**

(Right) **Mrs. Lucile P. McMurry, Defense Worker, Paducah Area, Kentucky**

NOT EVERYONE realizes that there is a gold rush on in this country that in many respects parallels the gold rush of '49. It is true that gold is not being sought in "them thar hills," as it was in the early days, but it is being sought just as avidly and at just as much sacrifice and cost to family life and comfort as it was then.

The gold today is found in the high wages paid to construction workers at the huge construction jobs in progress over the nation. In order to follow this golden stream, men and women have given up their homes, community ties, and the established, orderly pattern of school life for their children. They have given up their church homes and taken to the open road.

It is a sort of gypsy life that they lead, and the majority of them love the excitement and change of such an existence. As one of my friends in a trailer court put it, she hoped she would never have to settle down and live in a rut like the rest of us seem to do.

They do not live in a rut—certainly. They are constantly on the move, going from one construction job to another. It is amazing to discover how often they do move. One young couple told me that their thirteen - months - old baby had been in thirty-three states and out of this country twice.

Another young woman said that she and her husband had just returned to the States from Alaska, where he had been on a construction job. She added that, besides having lived in nearly every state in the Union, they had also been on a construction project down in Central America.

The Navy's slogan might well be paraphrased—"Join a construction gang and see the world."

While there is an undeniable sort of glamour to this nomadic kind of life, it has a sober side to which these people try to close their eyes and their consciences. The fact is that 90 per cent of these migrant people do not attend church or send their children to a church school.

They tell me that, when they feel they are to be settled in any one place long enough to make it worth while, they will begin attending church regularly and will start their children to Sunday school. Actually, that time never seems to come and, in the meanwhile, they are growing ever more alienated from God and the church.

It seems to me that the statement —that 90 per cent of this vast, moving population does not attend church—answers the question that we are asked so often, "Why spend time and money to try to take the church to people in the defense communities? They are not benighted heathen. They have access to the same churches and cultural advantages as the rest of us. Religious instruction is here for them and they know it. It is their own fault if they do not take advantage of it."

We know that Christ taught that we are our brother's keeper. We have a moral responsibility toward these, our brothers in Christ. If we allow them to move thus from job to job without ever making church contacts, then we in Christian America have failed them. Especially have we failed their children, who are growing up without religious instruction and under godless influences.

The whole purpose of our work in the Paducah defense area has been to try to bring the church as a vital force back into the lives of these workers on the move. Our hope is that we may in some way awaken them to a sense of their responsibility toward God and His Kingdom.

It is slow work that requires patience and understanding. An outstanding characteristic of the construction worker is his absolute sense of independence. As you know, most of them make good wages, and they resent any inference that they lack anything in their lives that they cannot procure for themselves. They are sensitive, also. They tell me that they can feel an unfriendly attitude on the part of the average member in an established church. Consequently, few of them will attend such places of worship. Because of this conviction of theirs, we find it necessary to take the church to them — trying to have services aimed at their needs and held for them in the trailer courts.

In the Paducah defense communities, our greatest difficulty in this effort has been the almost total lack of any sort of building, out in the area, in which we could hold such services. During the summer, this lack of shelter did not loom so large. While the weather was good, we had vacation Bible schools, Bible story hours, religious film showings, et cetera, in any sort of building we could find. Old sheds, cemetery tents, even the shelter of shade trees furnished adequate, if unorthodox, classrooms.

But, with the coming of winter

and cold weather, it has been a struggle to find shelter for our group meetings. Government-owned recreation halls at both the Atomic Energy Commission and the Tennessee Valley Authority plants have been used to house Bible-story hours for the children in adjacent courts, as well as mid-week preaching services for the men in the barracks and dormitories.

In some instances we have been able to hold small classes in trailers. But this has not proved too successful, as it obviously limits the number in the group. In desperation, we even tried holding story hours in a car. If you have ever tried kneeling on the front seat of a car, trying to hold the attention of a squirming group of youngsters on the back seat—then you know you have pioneered in group work.

One of the most effective and most appreciated services that we have been able to render in our ministry to the defense communities has been that of visitation and cultivation. In this respect, every trailer court in two counties has been visited. We have knocked at the door of every trailer, bringing the newcomers a warm and friendly welcome from the church and the community, giving information about church locations, and inviting them to attend the church of their choice.

Until recently, the staff at Paducah has consisted of three full-time workers—Dr. Felix B. Peck, the director, sent to us by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.; Miss Clara Isaacson, from the National Lutheran Council; and myself from the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church.

In the middle of January, three more workers came to join the staff—two from the board of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and another worker from the National Lutheran Council. The Methodists are also sending two more workers to the field in Paducah.

Thrilled and excited though we are at the prospect of this addition to our personnel, we are almost more enthused over the promise of three mobile units or trailer chapels—one each from these three participating denominations.

At last, our dream of having services and group meetings for all ages right in the trailer courts will come true. By moving these trailer chapels from court to court, all the people in the defense area can be reached. It is truly an answer to prayer.

While we have been overwhelmed at so much responsibility—trying to minister as best we could to some 4,000 trailer families—still what we have been able to accomplish has been so heart-warming and so rewarding that we have been encouraged in spite of ourselves.

There is great joy in the knowledge that we are working in harmony with God. We know, if we but ask His help, He will grant us wisdom and guidance as we seek to lead these, His straying children, into a vital relationship with their heavenly Father and into a more Christian way of life.

Central Congo Conference

By Sallie Lou MacKinnon, *Executive Secretary for Africa*

The Central Congo is the youngest conference of our church in Africa. The Woman's Division is working in five stations and in rural Regional Centers throughout the conference. The schools, hospitals, and Regional Centers, as well as the printing press and the literature program, are conducted as the united work of the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division. The girls' homes, which are boarding departments of the coeducational schools, the woman's school, and the kindergarten in each station are the particular responsibility of the Woman's Division. As in a number of the conferences in Africa, the school work in most of the stations is under the direction of our missionaries.

The school system is extensive and effective in education and in evangelism. Each of the stations has a primary school and kindergarten. In the Lodja station there is also an Ecole d'apprentugsage Pedagogique, where teachers are trained for the first three grades. Wembo Nyama, the central station, includes in its program an Ecole des Moniteurs, which is of high school grade, and the training school for ministers.

Throughout the conference fifty-five regional village centers have been established. Some of these make a relatively comprehensive and unified approach to community life through church school, dispensary with health education, adult education, training for the family, and a literacy program modeled on the Laubach method. Other centers are limited to a church and a crowded, poorly equipped school of two grades. The opportunities are unlimited where the program is formed to meet village needs.

In the stations, the girls' homes are truly effective in education for Christian homes. The dormitories are generally a group of small model cottages. One of the cottages is the home of the African matron and her family. African leaders and missionaries are concerned that in this tribe girls leave school to marry at such an early age that not many are completing the academic education they need, and few have become nurses or teachers. However, educated African men are wanting wives, so there is hope for the future.

The medical work is extensive. Wembo Nyama, Minga, and Tunda have hospitals with a missionary doctor and one or two missionary nurses. Each serves a wide area, has a nurse training program, and an outreach into the surrounding country through the medical work of the rural social centers. Families and friends often accompany the patients and live near the hospital in small huts for weeks or even months. Mothers are also often on the station for weeks before and after childbirth. Social-evangelistic workers for the hospitals and for follow-up work with the patients and their families would meet a tremendous opportunity for evangelism and Christian nurture.

Little has been accomplished in recent years in the building program needed in Central Congo, though some funds are available from the Board of Missions and from government grants. Builders are needed. Construction of the Lambuth Memorial Center planned in 1945 has not yet been begun, though a small sawmill and a brickmaking machine have been installed. It is hoped that construction on the main building of the hospital may begin soon.

Write It Right

By OLIVE STARCHER

Churches of America play an important part in the life of every community in the United States, and women carry on much of the work of these churches. Therefore, it is to be assumed that the program and activities of these women's groups are of interest to the community as a whole.

This being true, then the reporters or press secretaries of these groups have a responsible task. An intelligent and hard-working reporter can not only keep the public informed about the activities of her group and its place in the community, but can materially help to keep up the enthusiasm of the membership.

Being agreed on the importance of the stories which appear in the daily press about women's groups, let us see how these may be best prepared.

Since the best results will be obtained if the press reporter and the woman's editor work as a team, it is a wise move for the reporter, especially if she has had no previous experience in club reporting, to call on the club editor and ask for advice.

The paper may have a list or pamphlet of instructions; if not, find out about deadlines, rules about pictures, et cetera, and obtain as much general information as possible.

There are a number of basic rules for preparation of copy which are universal among newspapers.

Use standard-size paper, write on one side only and, if possible, type your stories, since hand-written copy is the cause of many inaccuracies getting into print. If you must write by hand, do it carefully and it is helpful if names, particularly strange names, are printed. In either case, leave plenty of space at the top of the paper and between the lines, and put your name, telephone number, and the name of the organization in one corner of the paper.

An editor, confronted with a crumpled scrap of paper written by hand with a blunt or hard pencil, can scarcely be blamed if the resulting printed article is not quite what the organization's members expected to read. On the other hand, a neatly typed story on standard paper, even if it has to be edited or rewritten, will be well received by the editor and has a much better chance of getting into print in a form which will please everyone concerned.

The five "W's" have become an axiom of news writing. Check each story to be sure you have included these:

What group—Believe it or not, every editor receives stories which do not mention the name of the group concerned.

Where—Name the exact meeting place, with full and correct names and street numbers.

When—The date, day and hour, such as Monday, January 15, at 7:30 P.M.

Who—Who is to speak, who presided; and name the distinguished visitor.

Why—If it is a special meeting, why; if an unusual meeting place, why, et cetera.

Names are of vital importance, so take pains that they are correct. Don't guess. Don't write Mrs. Jones, but write Mrs. Thomas W. Jones, or Mrs. A. Alfred Jones, Jr., or whatever Mr. and Mrs. Jones properly and customarily use. Avoid using Mrs. Mary Jones. Properly a woman always uses her husband's first name or initials, even as a widow, except if she is a business or professional woman and is acting in that capacity when referred to in the story. For instance, Mrs. Agnes Jones is the manager of an advertising agency; when she presides at a meeting of a church group to which she belongs, she is Mrs. John Jones.

Be absolutely sure of your spelling. Is it Thompson or Thompsen; is it Smith or Smythe, Wood or Woods. If the name is unusual or tricky, like Peirce instead of Pierce, or Ferd instead of Fred, it is helpful to put this symbol (cq) in parenthesis, which serves to call the attention of the editor or typesetter to the circumstance.

Be sure to include sufficient names, for names are news. Don't say the president conducted the meeting, but say Mrs. John Jones presided. Give names of women who served as committee chairmen, who gave reports, did the decorating, or poured during the refreshment hour.

Writing of your group, use the full and correct name instead of initials, at least for the first time it is mentioned. Don't write that Morgantown W.S.C.S. met, but say Woman's Society of Christian Service. Don't just write "the Methodist guild," write the full and correct name. An example is Ruth Esther Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, this being the proper name of the Guild in Medford, Oregon, named for the editor of this magazine.

Don't write "the Methodist church" but give the church its full name, such as Jason Lee Memorial Methodist Church, remembering that there may be a Free Methodist church or other churches in your community which may resent the implication that there is but one Methodist church in the city.

Be sure you are spelling your organization names correctly. One of the Methodist organizations is properly known as Wesleyan Service Guild, yet copy comes to this desk written "Wesley" Service Guild and "Weslyn" Service Guild.

If you are planning to write fol-

low-up stories of a meeting, make them complete but not unnecessarily long and submit them promptly. If you wait a week or two the story is no longer news.

Take notes yourself at the meeting; don't wait until the secretary writes her minutes. Begin your story with an interesting piece of information; don't just start out by saying the group met. Above all, don't let your story sound like the minutes of a meeting. The fact that the treasurer's report was read and approved will not interest the readers.

Try to put yourself in the place of a reader. Would you be interested in reading the same information about another club? It is a good idea to read the story in the paper, and others about other groups, both to see what changes the editor made in your story and to ascertain what sort of information other organizations are getting into print.

Always remember that the paper prints news for the general public, not just for your organization or your church.

Stories run in advance of a meeting should be mailed or taken to the news room in plenty of time to make deadlines. Don't telephone unless there is an emergency. It is far more efficient to write your story out and then read it over before it is submitted. If you must telephone, assemble your full information first. Don't get the busy club editor on the line and then take time out to hunt in the telephone book for initials and names, or to search through your desk for a date while the impatient editor waits.

Don't express your own opinion in stories, but stick to facts. Don't use a lot of adjectives, such as beautiful decorations, delicious food, inspiring speakers.

Don't waste time writing headlines for your stories, for in all probability they will not fit.

Don't ask special favors of the newspaper. The staff is trying to be unbiased and to gather news from all groups. The staff cannot become press agents for any one organization.

Do try to be cooperative and understanding of the paper's problems, and to follow its rules and policies. Good, clean copy, submitted before deadlines, is sure to reap a harvest of increased interest, not only in the community as a whole but among the group's own members.

Foreign Recipes *Collected by* MRS. PAUL DEATS, JR.

STEWED LAMB WITH WHITE BEANS

For 6	For 50	
2¼ CUPS	18 CUPS	WHITE BEANS
2¼ POUNDS	18 POUNDS	LAMB SHOULDER OR MUTTON, CUT IN 1 INCH CUBES
½	4	BAY LEAVES
1	8	GARLIC BUDS, FINELY CHOPPED
¼ TEASPOON	2¼ TEASPOONS	PEPPER
2 TEASPOONS	5 TABLESPOONS	SALT
1 TEASPOON	3 TABLESPOONS	GROUND CLOVES
1	8	MEDIUM ONIONS, CHOPPED
1 TABLESPOON	9 TABLESPOONS	FAT
1 CUP	9 CUPS	VINEGAR

Cut meat into cubes and let stand in mixture of vinegar, garlic, pepper, bay leaves, salt, and cloves for about one hour. Add onion and fat. Let mixture simmer, stirring meanwhile until it has a dark color. Then add sufficient water to finish cooking the meat.

Meanwhile cook beans in another kettle until they form a thick paste in the bottom of the kettle. Pour off any excess liquid. (To speed this part of the preparation, cook the beans in a pressure cooker, then pour off excess liquid and mash beans into a paste.)

When both meat and beans are done, mix bean paste with meat and stir thoroughly. The broth should thus become quite thick.

Menu: Stewed lamb with white beans
Vegetable salad—chopped lettuce, slices of tomatoes and onions. Use dressing of olive oil, salt, pepper, and vinegar.
Tapioca pudding sprinkled with cinnamon on top
Black coffee

From Violet Crandall, teacher in Quessua Girls' School, Malange, Angola, West Africa. This is really a Portuguese recipe, which Africans in West Africa are learning to use.

ANTICUCHOS

For 6	For 50	
2¼ POUNDS	18 POUNDS	BEEF HEARTS
½ TABLESPOON	4 TABLESPOONS	GROUND GARLIC
1 TABLESPOON	½ CUP	CHILI POWDER
½ TABLESPOON	4 TABLESPOONS	SALT
PINCH	2 TEASPOONS	PEPPER
1 TABLESPOON	½ CUP	CUMIN SEEDS
1½ CUPS	12 CUPS	VINEGAR

Mix garlic, salt, pepper, cumin seeds, and chili powder. Gradually stir in vinegar. Cut meat into small cubes (about 1 inch square), put in glass jars, pour barbecue sauce over the meat, cover jars and store in refrigerator overnight.

When ready to cook these "Peruvian hotdogs," place about four meat cubes on a stick and broil over a grill, turning them often until well cooked. Brush with the sauce occasionally. It will probably take about 30 minutes for these to cook.

Menu: Anticuchos — Corn on the cob
Picarones (raised doughnuts) — Coffee

From Frances Vandegrift, retired, formerly of Lima High School, Lima, Peru. Now living at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Women Prepare for Family Week

By EDWARD D. STAPLES

THE WOMEN of America have a greater concern about the observance of National Family Week than any other group because of their close association with the children in the home. This special week is set aside "for the purpose of emphasizing the responsibility of the Church for our children" (*Discipline of The Methodist Church,* paragraph 233, section 6.) Plans have been projected for the observance of this week in both church and home. All of the major Protestant denominations share in this week and Jews and Roman Catholics plan their own observance.

Sunday, May 3, is Children's Day in The Methodist Church and is therefore an appropriate time to launch a week of emphasis upon the family. Ministers will preach on the theme of National Family Week, "A Christian Foundation for Every Home," or will use the special program prepared by the Department of Christian Education of Children of the General Board of Education. This service is called, "That They May Know God." It uses a reader and several children and is priced at ten cents, three for twenty-five cents. This was written by Dr. Leon M. Adkins, pastor of University Church, Syracuse, New York.

Women's groups will be interested in the new leaflet published by the Department of the Christian Family which suggests five foundation stones for Christian family living. The title is the same as the theme for 1953, "A Christian Foundation for Every Home." Price, 20 cents a dozen, $1.00 a hundred.

A poster on the theme is also available this year. It has a picture of a family reading the Bible, plus the theme and date. Price, 10 cents each, three for 25 cents.

The materials just mentioned should be ordered from The Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Please send cash or check with order.

Believing that Methodism has a unique contribution to make in the field of family life through its excellent magazine, *The Christian Home,* the Department of the Christian Family has urged every church to present *The Christian Home* to its people through Sunday morning groups, woman's meetings, or family nights. The Methodist Publishing House is making the following special offers during the month of May:

1. Group Plan

   (Five or more copies to one address)

   Five months for 40 cents (May through September)

   Have class visitors or Boy Scouts deliver to every family with children in the church school.

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   Eight months' introductory offer, $1.00.

The Publishing House which serves you will be glad to send special envelope order blanks for individual subscriptions so that those who wish to order can enclose their $1.00, thus simplifying the process.

The Upper Room has recently announced a helpful resource for family worship in families where there are young children. It is called *Prayer Time,* and contains 255 pages of devotional material, mostly in story form. The price is only 35 cents, three for $1.00. You will want to send them to your friends with children under ten years of age to help them start the habit of family worship. Order *Prayer Time* from *The Upper Room,* 1908 Grand, Nashville 4, Tennessee.

Use National Family Week to strengthen family life in your church and community in every possible way.

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Hundreds of relief parcels have been received which upon arrival have contained no return address. We regret that we are unable to thank the senders. Some return addresses are insufficient for letters to be delivered to the senders. Several letters of acknowledgment have been returned to us.

If your relief parcel has not been acknowledged, it is probably for some such reason. We believe that packages are coming through quite well. We have appreciated all the parcels and regret that we cannot thank you personally.

—THELMA MAW,
Severance Hospital,
Seoul, Korea

SYMBOL

The World Student Christian Federation cross originated with the German students as a means of financing the world organization. It is now the symbol of unity among students all over the world. It is significant that the Methodist Student Commission voted to have it as the symbol of the Methodist Student Movement in this country. W.S.C.F. crosses are available for 25 cents each from World Student Christian Federation, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and may be used to promote world Christian community. See the December, 1952, issue of *motive* on "What Is W.S.C.F.?"

SEPTEMBER **Program—Jesus' Ministry to Village People**

Promotion: If district or subdistrict meetings are scheduled for the fall, secure a large representation.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, "Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

Student Work: Plan recognition of students leaving for college.

Youth Work[1]**:** Assist the World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning.

Children's Work: Read fall issue of World Friendship Bulletin in THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Spiritual Life: Form prayer groups.

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Present *Prayer Calendar.*

Status of Women: Suggest one qualified woman for nomination to a civic or church board or committee from your local church.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Cooperate with the Woman's Society in planning an evening meeting designed for all women of the church.

Program Committee: Distribute *My Date Book* which includes program calendar. Plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31.

OCTOBER **Program—The Rural Mission of the Church**

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Relate "The Things That Belong Unto Peace" to World Communion Sunday, World Order Sunday, and United Nations Day (see July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Spiritual Life: Responsibility for Quiet Day during Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31.

Supply Work: Pack a Christmas box according to askings for the Home Missions institutions of the Woman's Division.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Guild month. Publicize your unit and its activities by means of radio and newspaper.

NOVEMBER Program—Scientific Knowledge—A Stewardship

Treasurer: Send second quarter's receipts by November 5.

Missionary Education: Begin plans for study of *The Prophet Jeremiah.* Give information on the projects of the Woman's Division.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Emphasize responsibility for meeting world needs. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, September, 1953.)

Student Work: Entertain students from overseas during holidays.

Youth Work: Make it possible for MYF to have study materials on current missionary themes.

Spiritual Life: Stress Fellowship of Intercession.

Literature and Publications: Suggest literature for Christmas gifts, especially THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, "Spanish-speaking Americans" or "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility."

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Call your committee to study recommendations from the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the March issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Youth Work: Check on Methodist Youth Fund giving. All pledges should be paid by early May.

Children's Work: Read spring issue of World Friendship Bulletin in THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Literature and Publications: Order promotional materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.

APRIL **Program—Who Are the Guilty?**

Treasurer: Call a meeting of Finance Committee to prepare the 1953-1954 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

Supply Work: Present Supply Work needs for Foreign Missions institutions of the Woman's Division and take a cash offering.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Plan to send delegates to Guild Weekend or Summer School of Missions and Christian Service.

MAY **Program—Not Above His Master**

General: Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; change circle memberships.

President: Give a report of year's work. Plan for Officers' Training Day.

Treasurer: Send fourth quarter's receipts, *including all available funds,* by May 10.

Promotion: Send list of officers to district secretary of Promotion. Assist president in setting up Officers' Training Day. Check the Society's record with Goal Chart.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Have a special meeting of your committee to take stock of the past year's work and plan emphases for the coming months. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Youth Work: Assist in planning for a dedication service, when new Methodist Youth Fund pledges will be made.

Children's Work: Make plans to attend a leadership or laboratory school.

Spiritual Life: Cooperate in plans to observe National Family Week.

Literature and Publications: Order Program and Worship Books for 1954-1955. Secure new subscriptions and renewals.

Program Committee: Plan programs in detail for next quarter.

[1] Reprints of "A Calendar of Activities for Missions in the MYF" printed annually in the September issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN, are available from Miss Helen L. Johnson, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

[2] Order from 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

THE APRIL ISSUE

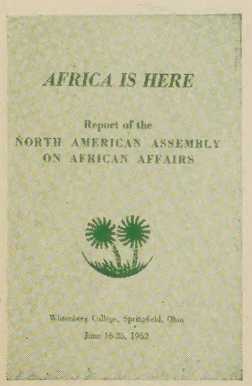
Extra copies are available for your files! Price, 15 cents.

This issue presents an unusual and most necessary tool for all officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A calendar of activities for each officer, outlining the opportunities of the office month by month, is the feature of this April number of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Each officer will certainly need an extra copy. Order at once before the extra stock is exhausted.

The April issue formerly took the place of the "Officers' Letter File," which was a separate piece of material selling for 35 cents. It is now a calendar of activities, most reasonable at 15 cents for each extra copy.

SPECIAL FEATURES



Africa Is Here. A report of North American Assembly on African Affairs held at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, June 16-25, 1952. Secular papers are full of articles about Africa these days, which the alert Christian reads and realizes that only a part of the picture is presented. This report of 224 pages brings a comprehensive survey of contributions made by 28 representatives of eight governments and of the United Nations, in addition to 34 African delegates, bishops, African missionaries and representatives of all denominations. This group comprising several hundred delegates and their shared experiences make this publication a must for every alert Christian today. This report is the last word on African affairs and its up-to-date information will prove valuable in the study course on Africa. 75 cents.

Program Flier, 1953-54. Available for program committees. Lists title and brief description of each program from September, 1953, through August, 1954. Free.

YOUTH MATERIALS FOR MISSION STUDY GROUPS, 1952-53

Theme: Africa

For Seniors and Older Youth

Jungles Ahead. By Esther D. Horner. Six powerful stories about modern Africans. $1.25.

Youth Guide on Africa. By Rowena McCutcheon. 50 cents.

Spotlight on South Africa. By Oliver Powell. Confronts Christians with their responsibilities. (A course.) 50 cents.

This Is Africa. By S. Franklin Mack. Striking photographs, informative, interesting text. 50 cents.

Fun and Festival from Africa. By Rose H. Wright. A rich assortment of resource material for social affairs—African recipes, games, proverbs, music, and ceremonies. 50 cents.

For Intermediates

Chama's Choice. An African boy chooses the mission school. $1.25.

More About Africa. (Revised expanded course.) Activity sessions and projects. By Helen E. Baker. $1.00.

Theme: Home Missions and Human Rights

For Seniors and Older Youth

The World Is My Home. By Ewald Mand. This is a gripping novel of new Americans and their rights. The young hero, Jaan Kalam, is one of eighty-seven Estonian refugees to arrive after the war. The author writes with feeling and understanding, for as an Estonian who during the war was imprisoned, escaped and went underground, he knows the problems suffered by his people, as well as the psychological effect of assimilation in American life. A truly wonderful story. $1.25.

HOW—Home Missions Works for Human Rights. Edited by Betty Stewart. Similar in format to NOW, this 1952 magazine-type book is a lively publication. Writing is sharp, crisp, and colorful. Dramatic stories of colorful individuals. 50 cents.

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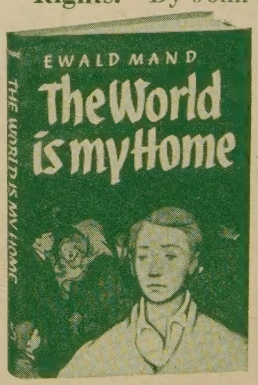

For Intermediates

When Given a Chance. By Lucille Hein. An illustrated pamphlet of shared opportunities. 35 cents, $3.00 per dozen.

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